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The Witwer Genealogy

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PREFACE

In 1935 Sarah Howell and myself were speaking of relatives. We were marvelling at the tremendous number we knew personally and others with whom we were not so well acquainted. After she had elucidated perhaps an hour on how the various families were related I suggested that perhaps it would be somewhat clearer if it were written down. Thus the nucleus of this treatise went into formation.

Later that same summer I had the privalege of visiting with my father, Charles S. Witwer and family, over two hundred families of relatives scattered over Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, Missouri, and Iowa. Covering approximately five thousand miles and extending over a period of a month ; if I remember correctly there were three meals only that were not eaten in the home of some relative. Such a relationship is more than a relationship, it is a clan. Such hospitality can mean but one thing; namely that at least one family in the Unites States has not deteriated to that degree of speed and selfishness that it has no time for love for campany.

I shall claim no credit for the work that is contained herein. Nearly all the material including births, deaths, and incidental material was written by Sarah. Only the bit of material on Rudolph Witwer, my grandfather, is mine. Sarah at the age of eighty-one started to use a typewriter and typed all this material out and then submitted it to me. She has written hundreds of letters and actually had one of her daughters take her eight different places in one day to collect the ma terial. She had patience and has utilized most of her spare time during the last two years to make this complete.

Reverend George Witwer of South Bend, Ind. started a Geneology of all the Witwers in America about 1907. However he died before his work was put into

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print. Later Ananias Clime Witwer of Mishawaka, Ind. got permission to use his material and so with that as a start he completed it with material of his own and the result was a completed geneology which was put out in 1909.

Having written cards at ramdom I finally got an answer from John Brenton Witwer now residing at 2804 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend, Ind. John B. Witwer was president of the first Witwer reunion held in 1906 at River Park, Ind. He is now seventy-nine years young and has written me several beautiful letters. It was he who helped Annaias Witwer and George to compile the first complete geneology and it was he who has sent me the programs of the Michael Witwer monument, one of which is presented in the back of this book. John informs me that Ananias Clime Witwer and his wife have passed on and that he has a son and daughter now living though they have no claim on the copyright of the book.

There is an annual Wittwer reunion held at Berne Ind. This is directly south of Fort Wayne and north of Richmond. A Witwer reunion is held at Pottawotomi Park, South Bend, Ind. . the last Sunday of July in every year. They usually have from one to two hundred present.

September sixth, 1937 marks the beginning of a new Witwer reunion. It will be held near the home of Eve T. Hertzig Crites Troyer, Sugar Creek, Ohio. These will be decendents mainly of John Wittwer, Sr, and John Wittwer Jr., Rudolph Witwer and Peter Witver, all of a common ancester.

I am sorry that my expenditure for this work is limited and for that reason some of it inferior.

——— The Editor,
D. Slayton Witwer

INTRODUCTION

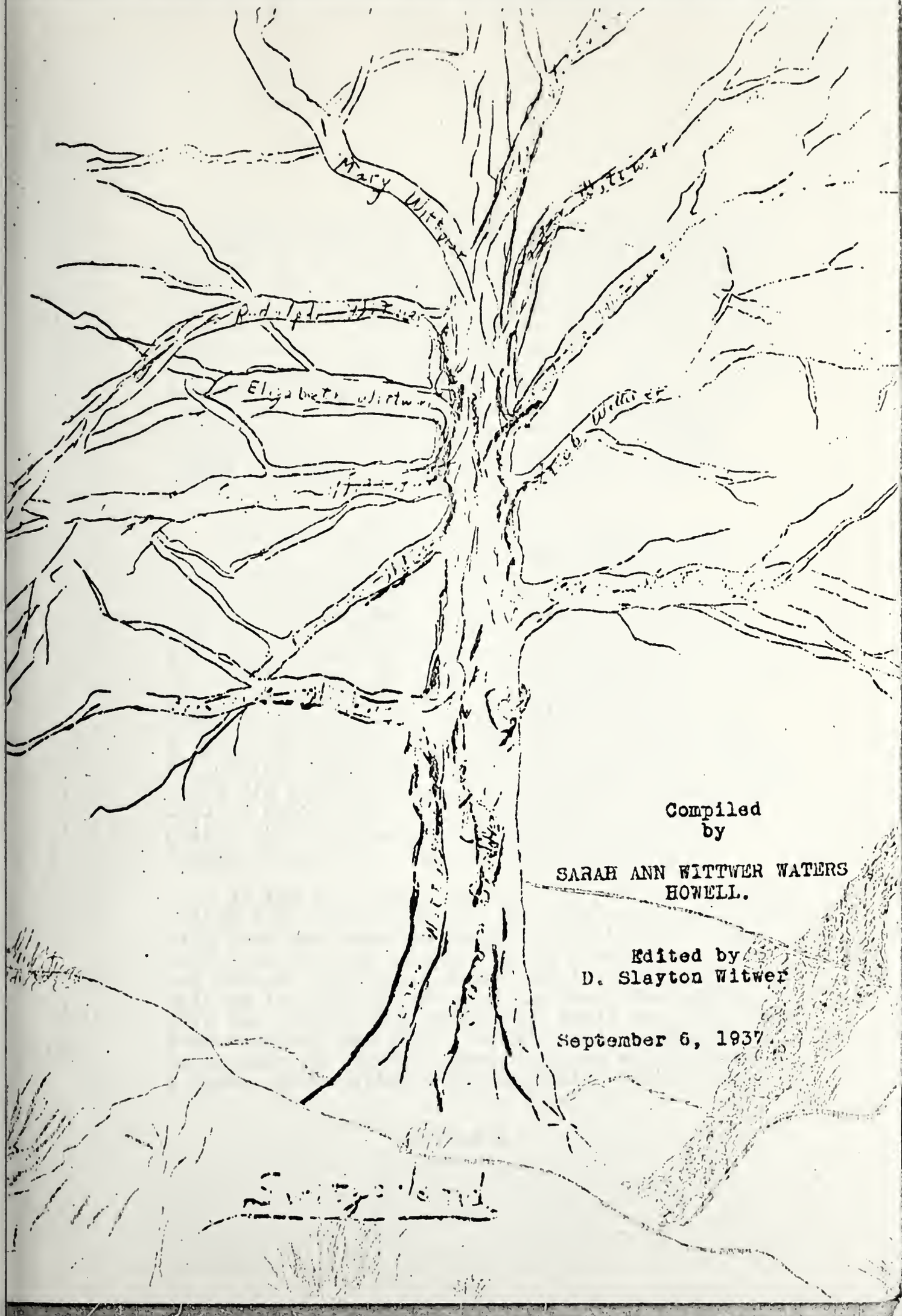
Soon after Uncle David Wittwer died some of the cousins asked me to write up the Wittwer family, as I am the oldest one living and am personally acquainted with nearly all the clan. I have at least seen all of our direct family and have grown up with most of them.

This has been a herculean task. No one could ever remember all the dates that are needed and so they all had to be checked on and letters written to those who were likely to know or have record of. Since part of the relationship inhabit great portions of the west and other parts the east, a country wide search ensued.

I want to especially thank these persons who have spent much time helping me check names and secure dates; Rose Ellen Wittwer Porr, Uncle Fredrick's daughter Ida Jones, Uncle David Wittwer's daughter, Charlotte Ankney Mathies Nusbaum, daughter of Aunt Mary Wittwer Ankney. Hazel Ankney, Laura Penrod, Mary Schlup Schlimm, Earl Barringer and all grandchildren of Aunt Mary Wittwer Ankney. Ethel Wittwer Wickham, grand daughter of Uncle Fred Wittwer, Hattie Spring Gates, Hellen Spring Holenbeck, grand daughter of Aunt Susan Wittwer Spring. All of these helped me immencely by getting the dates of their respective families which meant a lot of work. Eve T. Crites Troyer was an invaluable assistant in getting her families as she was the grand daughter of Aunt Mary Wittwer Ankney. Were it not for these valuable helpers the task would have been impossible for one of my age.

I wish to add here that those who have not been included, were not because I have either not had the source of information or else have not had the time to secure it. I wish to finish it up in time for the first reunion of our immediate clan. I ask forgiveness ofor the errors as there cannot help but be afew in the handling of so many dates and names. I anly hope that it may be a source of reference and a pleasure to read.

——Sarah Ann Wittwer Watters Howell.



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SARAH ANN WITTWER WATERS
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Edited by
D. Slayton Witwer

September 6, 1937

On this 29th day of September, 1936, I, Sarah Ann Wittwer Waters Howell, will try to write up to the best of my ability what I know and have been able to find out about our ancestors, the Wittwers who came from Switzerland. I am the oldest child of John Wittwer who was born in Winis, Canon Bern, Switzerland. My grandfather, whose name was also John, had married a Susan Studdler. Susan was born January 11, 1807, and died April 14, 1869. Both were born in Winis, Canton Bern, Switzerland and were partners in the belief that their progeny should live on, for they had a large family of eleven children. The oldest daughter, Susan, was married and had a son and daughter.

For years grandfather had a vision of getting his family to America, concerning which he had heard many and varied tales. His oldest son, Jacob, who was better known as "Uncle Jake", worked for a President Wisemiller. Having gleaned information from several reliable sources, there is evidence pointing to the fact that this president referred to was President of Switzerland at that time. Wisemiller used to take Jake up on the side of a mountain and point out distant mountain peaks in an attempt to give him some idea of the spacious Ohio that was to be their destination in the new world. Grandfather must have been considered quite wealthy among his own kin at that time, for he had a goodly herd of cattle and goats. Likewise, he had to be better off than the average to bring such a huge family across the ocean and then on to Ohio.

In the early part of the year 1850, my grandfather sold off everything but what they could take with them and made preparations for leaving. The oldest child, who happened to be named Susan after her mother, with her husband and two small children made up the entire party of sixteen. For ninety days they braved the waves in a frail sail ship before sighting New York. Father used to tell of times when an unusual sight, such as a big fish or a whale, would attract the attention of all the

passengers, causing them to rush to one side of the ship. When this occurred, the sailors would have to roll barrels of sand to the opposite side to keep the ship from tipping. After a long journew over land from New York to Ohio they settled in Ragersville, a tiny berg about seven miles from New Philadelphia, which has increased very little in population to this day.

Two weeks after reaching their destination, grandfather died of typhoid fever which he had contracted on the ship. Picture, if you can, the sad predicament that grandmother faced with nine children under twenty years of age, in a strange country, speaking a strange language, with few friends, and practically no money. All the children attended the funeral, but from that time on these brothers and sisters were never all at the same place at the same time as long as they lived. One after another of the children were taken by families until only the two youngest were left. These she kept.

Aunt Susan, the oldest child, married Jacob Spring, then a stone mason. She got along fairly well with her family. Father's brother, Uncle Jacob, the oldest son was about twenty-three or four at that time, and my father, who was about nineteen, got work. Father got a place as apprentice to learn the blacksmith trade. All but Jacob and Godlieb learned trades. Rudolph and Christian were tanners. Peter and David were shoemakers and all worked at their trades while young. Later, they bought farms and became well to do farmers, before passing to their reward. We need not fear looking up the history of our ancestors, for there seems to be no horse theives branching from the family tree. Records and memories show them all to be hard working, honest, faithful citizens. As for those who came into Nebraska in the late 1850's, we have pioneer history worthy of any puritan father. Six boys and Aunt Lizzie all forced into the sparce west, mar-

ried there, and lived the rugged life of enforced danger and hardship. All but my father were married in Nebraska.

Father was nineteen when they came to America and was born December 25, 1831. Uncle David was two and was born April 29, 1848. This indicates that the family came to this country in 1850. After father finished his apprenticeship as a blacksmith, Aunt Susan with her family and Uncle Jake went with father to Savannah, Missouri. Here father met Mary Frances Tritchler and they were married April 45h, 1855. Father worked at his trade here and in a short time both Uncle Jake Wittwer and Jake Spring, Susan's husband got the west fever again. This time they went as far as what is now Richardson County, Nebraska. This was near what is now Falls City, the county seat. However, Sabetha in Nemaha County, Kansas is the nearest good sized town.

LAND IS PURCHASED

Here they decided to make their future home. Jake Spring and Jake Wittwer bought something like one hundred and sixty acres of land, on what was afterwards called Rattlesnake Creek, and paid the United Stated Government a dollar and a quarter an acre. Uncle Jake Spring put up a sort of log hut or cabin for his family. He was a stone mason more by necessitated practice than by actual apprenticeship and he built a huge fire place of stone which stood until I was well along in my 'teens. They had moved from Savannah, Missouri in a wagon drawn by a pair of oxen and followed by a single cow. Thus in the spring of 1856, about twelve acres of prarie was broken and planted with what was called ninety day corn.

PLENTY OF HARDSHIPS

Everything had to be done. Food and shelter for the cow, fuel for the fire place and something

to eat during the winter had to be provided. After they had harvested the corn and done all they could for Aunt Susan, the men took the oxen and wagon and went back to Savannah to work. That winter turned out to be a very severe one. The men had intended to get back to Susan with supplies, but the weather was so terrible that they could not make the trip. Provisions became so low for Aunt Susan that finally she had nothing to eat but the corn that they had raised. For three months she had nothing else to feed her small brood. There were three children, two girls and one boy. The girls were three and eight years old, the boy was six. On her tiny coffee mill she would grind the corn, mix it with water, and bake it. This coffee mill was about the size of a one quart churn with a corregated iron semi-circular gear fitting into a bowl-like iron base, which also had tapering corregations. By means of a gear, a small handle turned this funnel shapped gear against the stationary base, much on the same principle as the old stone mills which were propelled by water power. To make coffee, she would parch the corn, then grind it and mix a drink from that.

DANGER IN TRUTH

They depended upon two dogs for their companionship and protection. One day a small band of Indians came up to the house, which stood on a sort of a knoll, and asked for one of the dogs. It was more of a demand than a request. There was nothing she could do but give it to them. They could not be certain that this would satisfy their desires. There was the constant horror that they would return for the other dog or for one of the children. Probably the most agonizing thought was that they might do her bodily harm. After taking the dog a short distance from the house they proceeded to kill and dress it. Then they roasted it and had a big feast and danced and sang all night long. Luckily, they left in the morning without annoying her any further. Often in later years when Auntie would be telling this story to the children she would add with a chuckle, "That was one night we didn't get

sleepy!"

In March, Jake Spring started the long journey on foot, to carry provisions to his lonely wife and family. It was still impossible to get through with a wagon. He knew the family would be running out of food before long. He and another man started out on foot with what they could carry. Spring froze his feet so badly that he was crippled for the rest of his life, and the man who was with him was frozen so badly that he died a few days after reaching Aunt Susan's home.

Uncle Jake had to go back to Savannah and work, because there had to be seed for the next year, clothes, farming implements, and all these necessities had to brought from Savannah. There simply wasn't any place near Aunt Susan's to buy such things even if one had the money.

LIFE BEGINS

Just about this time two young men who were good friends of the family came from Savannah and took some land near Aunt Susan's home. While they were getting out logs to make another cabin, they stayed with Susan and she did their cooking for them. Around this time she was expecting a visit from the stork. One morning she was quite sick, so she arose early, prepared the boy's breakfasts, and got them to the table. Then she went outside the door and sat down. Before long a new life came into existence. After sending the boys off to the nearest neighbor, who lived a mile away, she finally gathered her skirts together and crawled back into the house with the baby in her skirts to wait until help came. The boys had to walk back, with the neighboraafter reaching her house, so that it must have been some time before she arrived. Had it not been the spring of the year, tragedy must surely have ensued. Thus in the winter of 1856 and 57, this little family in Nebraska started the

Wittwer progeny in the great west.

THRILLING BUT DANGEROUS OPPORTUNITY

Uncle Jake Wittwer was one of the first to see the wonderful opportunities that existed in the west. Father had been working all the time and saving his money for an eventful start in life. Jake came back to Savannah with interesting tales of the great possibilites of the west, until the fever got into father's blood. The endless expanse of prarie grass would furnish ample pasture and hay for herds of cattle. Father started the preparations for leaving by making a heavy lumber wagon. In those days all the iron parts h had to be hammered out and the wood parts hewed from logs. Tires, braces, and even a spring seat were slowly fashioned and assembled. Everything had to be made extra heavy, for time could not be wasted in repairing or constructing another wagon in the near future. It was 1857 when Jake Wittwer and my father viewed the new premises in Nebraska.

Jake Spring had pursuaded father to buy twenty cows and go with him. Loading the household goods and provisions in a wagon, they started the hundred mile journey into the far west. It is safe to presume that there was a bit toomuch woryy for cowboy songs and mandolins in the moonlight. Twenty cows in addition to the other possessions gave them ample worry. The dangers they were subjected to furnished sufficient romance to this camping party of pioneers.

FARMING IS BEGUN

Uncle Jake Wittwer bought out Jake Spring and my father bought out a man by the name of Gottleib Studder. In this manner their acres were pooled, making a total of about two hundred acres. A cellar was dug about eighteen by twenty feet, and another log cabin was constructed. Uncle Spring put up the cellar wall so well that it is still in use today. After the cabin was ready to move in to, there was more ground broken and again ninety day corn was broken for planting. The cattle were doing well,

a small garden was yeilding vegetables and it was time to store something for winter.

Prarie hay was plentiful, but the tools with which to harvest it were very crude. It had to be cut with a sythe and raked with a hand rake. I can still remember seeing the rake lay about the house. They had constructed it out of a young sapling about two and one half feet long with wooden pegs of hard wood fitted in every couple of inches and extending four or five inches long. To this a long handle was attached. Imagine anyone playing horse with a rake like this all day long for weeks. Not knowing the value of hay,they cut the grass where it was longest and heaviest. This usually grew in the low places and is known as slew grass which makes very poor hay.

Lacking a proper method of stacking the hay, much of it spoiled. An extremely hard winter followed for the cattle, as they had nothing but this poor stuff to eat. There was no straw for bedding and no protection such as a barn to keep them from the weather. The spring thaws had made a swamp of many of the lower places. By the time spring had come, the cloven hoofed beasts were emaciated skeletons. A great many had died. Often when they would go to the creek for water, they would become mired in the mud and if not dead, when found would be so worn out from trying to get out, they would die after being rescued. The herd diminished to fifteen, and then twelve and by the time grass was flourishing again there was only ten of the herd left.

A VISITOR

One day later in the spring, a young man came to see them, who had lately come from Germany. Father was lamenting over his great losses of the winter. A broad smile spread over the young man's face, while father became rather angry. He seemed to think it funny. Suddenly the thought flashed through father's mind that if he had stayed in Switzerland, he would never have had ten cows to loose. Relating his thought to the young man, he found that the young man had been

thinking the same thought. Father said that was a lesson that he never forgot, and often when things befell him afterwards, he would think of this incident.

AN ACCIDENT

In 1858, the year of my birth, a sad incident occurred in the lives of these small families. I don't think my arrival had anything to do with it, since it happened in connection with that old custom of singing out the old year, and ringing in the new. My arrival on the scene wasn't until somewhat later. Samey Bright, a young single chap, decided they should have a little whiskey to celebrate the new year. Salem was the only town of any consequence, and that was twelve miles distant. There was no transportation facilities, but walking, and so Sam set out on foot to Salem. As he started home, a blizzard came up and when he was less than a mile from home he got lost. He knew that he must be close to home, and yet there was the danger of walking in circles and becoming hopelessly lost. Finding a little sheltered cove, he thot he would just walk back and forth until it would be daylight, and then he could see his way. Near one end of his marathon course was a spring, and every time that he would come near to this spring, he would break through the ice. Each time that he broke through, water got into his boots and froze. When it finally became light enough for him to see his way home, he had been frozen so badly that he died a week later.

THE NEW HOME

All this happened in the winter of 1857 and 58. The following summer a new cellar was started for a new home to take care of the growing family. However, it took all summer to finish the cellar, for there was so much work involved in breaking up more prarie ground for crops. By fall they had fixed some sort of a roof over it and moved in, but there were no floors yet. I had to be kept in a cradle until spring. Mother said that I learned to walk in just two weeks after she put me down on the floor. I was perhaps thirteen months

old then as I was born in April. The next summer saw a completed log cabin on the cellar wall and building it higher than the other, there was room enough in this one to walk around without bumping one's head and to have beds upstairs. By adding a kitchen and a porch, we lived in this structure until 1874, when it was torn down and replaced by a big house eighteen by thirty-six. The kitchen in this was 14 by 16 feet.

WHAT IS STERILD

I thought as a child that we were as poor as the poorest settlers. However, I remember driving a team of oxen with my mother to visit some friends about six miles away. The woman was mixing some dough and remarked to mother with some pride, "We have some flour now."

"Yes," replied mother, "but we dan't put our arms in to the elbows yet." This was the start for the bread basket of the world.

MEMORIES

We always had plenty of milk to drink and food of some kind. We had the first horses, buggy and spring wagon, and the first sewing maching. I remember women coming six and eight miles to do their sewing on mothers machine. Clothes for all the members of the family had to be made by hand. My Uncle Jake Wittwer lived with us and so did every "Switzer" that came from Switzerland, if he got near the vicinity of Richardson County?, Nebraska. I remember a German by the name of Smith who stayed until he got a log cabin built, and then soon married and moved in. After that a family by the name of Wisemiller, another by the name of Marners, a Dapfa, a Hemjicker, not to mention my uncles Fred, Christ, Goddleib, and David

CHRIST FOLLOWED SHERMAN

Uncle Fred came out to Kansas before the war. Then enlistments were in order, he signed up in a Kansas regiment. Uncle Goddleib enlisted in Company C

of the 5th Missouri Cavalry. Christ was in the 80th Ohio Infantry. All three of these Uncles were Wittwers, and just before peace was declared Christ reinlisted again for three years. Gottlieb was only in a few months and none of them were wounded. Christ saw some extremely hard service and had the honor, if it can be termed an honor, of participating in Sherman's long march from Atlanta to the sea. Christ came to Nebraska in 1870. Later he moved to Mountain Grove, Missouri, in the summer of 1894. He died and was buried there May 21, 1927. His widow still lives there May 21, 1936. This information is according to Kit Lynn.

Often I have thought over the past and pictured what our lives might have been had our fathers remained with their trades and money in Savannah. I for one can truthfully say, however, that I have never been sorry that they, and later on we chose the more difficult course of hardship and pioneering. I missed an education more than anything else, as the rest got more than I did. When I was about seven, they sent me to stay with Aunt Susan in order that I might go to school. The school was run by a neighbor girl who spoke very poor English. As my cousins all talked German, I talked German and English.

SCHOOLING

By the end of three weeks I began to mix my talk, switching from one language to another, so that my grandmother said they had better keep me home or I would not be able to talk either very well. That ended my first term of school.

When I was nine years old a school was built about six miles away, which began the first of January. Father got a place for me to board near the school, and every Monday morning he would take me horse back to school, and then come after me every Friday night. We both rode on the same horse. We had as fine a teacher at that school as it had ever been my privilege to study under. Egerything went along fine un-

til the fifteenth of March when my brother, Fred, arrived. This necessitated my staying home to help with the work. Fred was born in 1868 and I was almost ten. His arrival made a total of three children younger than I to help take care of.

On the following year they built a school house of logs. It was completed on the 18th of January, 1869. I remember the date distinctly because my oldest brother was eight on that day. On the first day of school father went with Albert and me to show us how to follow the creek through the timber so as not to get lost. There were about twelve students and we had about two miles to walk. Often it would be too cold to go. Mother made our dresses and the boys' trousers out of a heavy material called Jeanes. I wore heavy boots like the boys' and even though they sometimes made fun of me the teacher always upheld my actions, vouching that they were warm.

For three months of the year we had what we called a subscription school, which constituted the year's education. All the parents of the community paid a certain amount of money to the school teacher. Then he, or she, boarded with the family of each child for a week at a time, providing the parents had enough room. However, in all my life, I never went to school as much as a modern youngster attends in one year. We had to walk two miles, and when the weather was bad or there was work to do, we had to stay home and do it. Mother could not do all the work and one didn't hire work done in those days. Everyone had too much work of their own to do to help others, unless in emergencies or in trading help.

NO RIGHTS

Yet, in spite of these hardships, I loved the pioneer life and would not have traded it for any other. Mother was a natural born nurse and midwife. Besides raising a large family of her own, she delivered over sixty babies, that I can remember, for friends and neighbors. I remember one day a man came to our door, whom we hardly knew, and requested that mother go with him to take care of the sickness in his family. Two of

his boys had died and two or three more were sick with a fever. Mother had a small fever book, as they called it, and from that she diagnosed the cases as spotted fever. After she had treated them for it, they got well. They all felt that she had saved their lives.

In all her cases, mother never lost a child or a mother, which, I think, was an unusual record for the large number that she delivered and the inadequate equipment that she found in most of the homes. This was another reason that I was required to miss a good deal of school, for when mother was helping other people, I had to carry on the housekeeping at home.

PLENTY OF COMPANY

These early days nearly always found someone in our home. The settlements were so far apart, and there were so many people coming west, inaddition to the people coming in from across the ocean, that there was nearly always part of a family, or single men, staying for a few months until they could find some place to work, or until they moved on farther west. I remember one very cold, stormy night when the house was full—our bed space was only capable of holding about ten— father heard a man calling outside. Father told him that all the beds were full. The man said that he and his family had been trying to get a place since long before dark to stayfor the night, but everyone was full, and at each house he was told that if he kept going till he got to father's house, he should surely be kept for the night. Father told them they were welcome to the fire and that if they wanted to come in and lie on the floor they could. They were only too glad to get in out of the cold. I remember distinctly how fortunate I felt that I had a nice warm bed, and I touched the fur that covered two little brothers and me, in our trundel bed. This was a small bed—home made of course—and could be pushed under the large bed, and so was out of the way. I slept on it until I was a big girl.

A man who later became quite prominent as a doctor said, one time after father had died, "Well, Sarah, there

is one thing I will say for Uncle John. His latch-string was always on the outside." No one could have been better to me and my family, than my many uncles. I lived among all of them, but Rudolph, or "Rudy" as he was more often called, and Peter.

ALL HONORABLE ANCESTORS

D. Slayton Witwer, as editor of this manuscript, gives here a delination taken from memory. Rudolph was his grandfather. Slayton will continue from here in his own words.

Rudolph and Christian were tanners. Peter and David were shoemakers who worked at their trades until they had some capital. Rudolph and Peter, however, were the only two that stayed in Ohio.

RUDOLPH? THE TANNER

For some years Rudolph worked at his trade near where Dundee now stands in Ohio. At that time tanning processes were very crude. The raw hides were placed in a vat which was nothing much more or less than a hole in the ground with a lime solution in to loosen the hair. After remaining in there for a time they were removed and dehaired by hand. Another solution which they had to pass through contained what was called tanners bark. This was merely the bark of some tree which had a certain effect on the leather. Solution after solution was passed through, and each time they were removed they had to be worked over by hand. They remained in solutions from a few days to a few months, depending on the solution, the thickness of the hide, and the kind of leather desired.

PARTNERSHIP IS STARTED

Almost constant contact with water and the dampness connected with the tanner's trade gave Rudolph severe rheumatism, and after a time he was forced to give up his trade. He then decided to go into business.

Another man and he went into partnership and opened up a general store in Dundee, Ohio. For a time things ran along smoothly, but it did not take long for Rudy to find that he had picked a lemon for a partner. Unknown to him, Rudy's partner was leading a luxurious life and borrowing money for personal use on the partnership's credit. Apparently things were flourishing, for the business was making money, but at the same time more and more money was being borrowed. About the time that the bank had loaned all they would loan and was thinking about foreclosing to collect what they had loaned, Rudolph's partner took the good span of horses and surrey and everything else he could lay his hands on that was worth much of anything and skipped the country with it. Rudolph had no other choice than to liquidate and sell all his goods for what he could get to pay off his partner's debts.

A NEW START

Never daunted, however, he went to work and soon had enough to put a down payment on what has for a hundred and thirteen years been known as the Witwer farm. This is a three hundred and forty-eight acre farm lying between Stone Creek and New Philadelphia. Soon after the farm was bought, I think about one and a half years, he died as the result of an injury received while getting out timber. A tree which he and his son were cutting down, fell in the opposite direction from which it was intended to fall. The tree split part way up the trunk, thus acting as a lever, throwing the butt end of the tree out spasmodically. This butt end gave Rudolph a mortal body would and he died shortly afterwards.

Thus Rudolph left his son, Charles S. Witwer now residing in Stone Creek, and three daughters; theywere named Cassie, Alice, and Mary Witwer. Rudolph also left his wife, Rachel, whose name was Benfer before her marriage. There was a debt on the farm almost equal to its own value with the exception of the down payment. Charles is the father of D. Slayton Witwer, editor of this manuscript. The children worked together and with the good management of Rachel, the farm was

paid off in time. For many years Rachel ran the farm receiving for her share one-half of the proceeds. Charles received one-fourth, and Cassie and her husband, Christ Maurer, got the other fourth.

In 1921, Charles was forced to leave the farm because of his wife's ill health, and it was then taken over by Cassie's daughter, Lucille, with her husband and Christ Maurer. Later yet Mary and her husband Alvin Miller farmed with Christ Maurer for some time. Maurers and Millers live side by side, Charles about a block away in one direction and John Renner about two blocks in the opposite direction, all in Stone Creek, Ohio. Alice and her husband, Peter Anderegg, live on a farm near Strawsberg. They have four children, Marjorie, Laura, Edith, and Robert. Marjorie lives with her husband, Paul Rice, and four little boys on the outskirts of Massillon. Laura is married to Arthur Corr and they make their home on a farm near Beach City. Robert is married to Ethel Hatcher, and they have one daughter. Their home is above Beach City. Edith married Homer Lenhart on August 27th, 1937.

"UNCLE DAVID" AND SARAH ARE "PALS

Switching from the editor back to Sarah, the story continues in her own words.

Uncle David, better known as "Uncle Dave", was only ten years my senior and was my "pal" for years. He lived to be 86 years old. I remember we each had a pony and used to go many places together. One time we went to a church meeting together. We ate supper about six o'clock and started on the six mile ride. Church lasted until about ten o'clock and the night was very dark. There were scarcely any fences, fewer houses, and for the most part bridle paths for roads.

After riding for a time I said to Dave, "Dave, my pony doesn't want to go this way. Do you think you are going in the right direction?"

"My pony always takes me home," he said with assurance. After riding for some time, we came to a farm house which I recognized as Jack Dykes. We were three miles directly south of home. Dave examined my pony to see if the bridle was caught, for his poney wanted to go to the right and mine to the left. However, he could find nothing wrong, so we started off again, Dave making his pony follow mine.

About three hours riding brought us home and I went in the house while he put the ponies away. After a little while he came in laughing. "I guess the laugh is on me," he said. "The right reign on my pony was caught making a constant or near constant pull on the right side."

On another occasion Jake Spring came over to stay at our house as there was to be a little dance in the evening. These were small affairs, never more than twelve or fifteen, and these were usually the closest relatives and neighbors. At that, they often had to come for six or eight miles. This was still about 1876.

We were driving Jake's team, and of course the lumber wagon, as that was all we had to go in. After driving for a time, we discovered that we were lost and since it was his team we could not depend on their sense of direction. After driving for miles, we came to a building and getting out to examine it, I discovered that it was out school house about a half-mile from the neighbors' home where we started from. The only thing we could do was get out and stay in the schod house until it was light enough to see our way. It is no fun driving in strange territory when the night is so dark that it is impossibbe to see the house in front of you.

INDUSTRIOUS

As far as I know and have been able to find out, there has never been any member of the clan arrested for any major offence. Jake was the only one who did not learn a trade of some kink.

Uncle Fred probably led the group in a financial way, as he had large herds of blooded cattle, hogs, and horses. He was a real stock man and at the time of his death he owned about four thousand acres of land. Father had about five hundred acres of land and all the rest had good homes and farms, considering the settlement of a new country.

HOW SPELLING OF THE SAME NAME CHANGED

So that there can be no confusion as to the names which appear in this geneology, the names Wittwer, Witver, and Witwer all come from the same common ancestor, John Wittwer. For convenience, we shall call him John Wittwer, Sr., and his son John Wittwer, Jr. When John Wittwer, Sr. came from Switzerland his sons, Peter and Rudolph, were small. Like the rest of the children, these sons were given to other families to work for their room and board and whatever else they might need. Uncle Peter had the misfortune to land with a very cruel and stingy family. It is said that he was never permitted to eat with the rest of the family. When the family had finished their meal, they would call Uncle Peter and after removing the meat, butter, and other better foods from the table, they would say to him, "Now, Pete, eat sop." This sop was the broth or dip from the meat and this with bread made up the majority of his meals.

It was some months afterward that one of his brothers decided to investigate Peter's foster home. Peter had become so emaciated and sickly looking that he was a mere skeleton, but still he insisted that everything was alright and would not complain. It did not take the investigating brother long to find out that everything was not alright, and after hearing the foster father yell at Peter like a dog, the brother immediately determined that Peter should have a new home.

PETER FINDS A GOOD HOME

The new home for Peter turned out to be an Amish

home and was definitely better. These people were kind to him and treated him as a human being. He was so taken by their kindness and fair treatment, that he later accepted their faith and married into their sect. These people, however, were descendants of "Pennsylvania Dutch" and spoke German almost entirely. Uncle Peter who was too young to know how his name should have been spelled, accepted the German spelling of Witver. These people spelled it the way it sounded to them and Peter spelled it that until he was grown up. When the discovery was made, it was too late to change it. I presume that the one "T" was dropped in Rudolph Witwer's name in a similar manner.

THE CHURCH OF THE DAY

Our church services of the day have left a lasting impression on my mind. As far back as I can remember, there was an itinerant preacher who would come through that way and preach in the homes. We often had them at our home. After we had the school house we had the church services there. I was confirmed by a Luthern minister, when I was sixteen. One boy the same age, and I made up the confirmation class. At this time we had regular church services every two weeks and Sunday school every Sunday.

For amusement we had what we called singing school once every week. While school term was going on, we had what we called spelling bees, which were merely contests between the different schools in spelling. Once in a great while we would go to the home of a man who played a violin and dance. This constituted the round of entertainment. We concentrated on family and home life such as I feel will never exist again in America. With the large family, there were many ways in which we could amuse ourselves in our work. It was these homely creations of self amusement that made the day's work seem lighter and gave us such satisfaction as can never be derived from attending professional entertainments. Modern life has not yet found a substitute to replace the wholesomeness of this life.

In 1873, father built a stone smoke house, and Uncle Jake Spring helped him. This is not a smoke houseas applied to "Smoke-House"of the city, but is a small stone enclosure where a smoldering fire of hickory chips was kindled. After the meat was properly salted, it was hung above this fire and smoked for summer use. The dense smoke not only gives the meat a preserative coating, but also gives it a distinct flavor.

And now to link up the past with the present. Following the general separation that occurred after grandfather's funeral, we find Aunt Mary who was about fourteen at the time going to live with a family by the name of Ankney. They had one son who later married her and hence the long line of Ankney relationships. Uncle Rudolph was about thirteen and he was taken by a family by the name of Benfree. They had two girls and Rudolph later married the older of the two, Rachel. Rudy always spelled his name with one "t" and hence the beginning of the Witwer line. Uncle Peter who was only about seven at the time was taken by a family that was very mean to him. He was required to do work much too hard for a boy his age and was not even given enough to eat. So brave was he, however, that he never let out a whimper to any of his brothers of family when they came to visit him, or when he visited them for a few minutes. Finally he became so emaciated and sat that one of his brothers pryed into the situation and after spying on the hard task master, they took him from that family and put him with another by the name of Miller.

This Miller family was also Amish in their religion. So kind and gentle were they to him, that he was wholly taken up by them and finally joined the Amish faith and married the daughter of this family. They taught him the German spelling of his name, so that his name came to be spelled Witver. I visited them in 1919 and stayed quite a while. In getting their mail, once or twice I noticed that the name was spelled Witver and I asked my

cousin, "Why don't you tell your friends to spell his name Wittwer?"

She answered, "We spell it Witver." So now there is that branch from the family tree spelling their name Witver. Uncle Peter had one son and four daughters.

Uncle Jake had three sons. His oldest son, Jake, is in a bank in Bern, Kansas and has been there for a long time. His youngest daughter, Sarah, was quite a successful school teacher. His other boy is a dentist in Larnard Kansas and his name is Charles.

My sister, Flora also taught school for a number of years. She and my sister, Mae, taught music and both were excellent musicians.

Uncle Fred's son, William, is a medical doctor and is situated in Los Lunas, New Mexico. His daughter, Elizabeth is a music teacher and is situated in Los Angeles, California. His other daughter, Rachel, is a trained nurse, living in Chicago, Illinois, and is married to a Brown.

Uncle Goddlieb's son, Edward, was a medical doctor who served in the Spanish American War. He also served in the World War as a Doctor and after that he was never very well. He died in Mountain Grove, Missouri, February 11, 1931. His widow, his son, and his daughter still live there.

ANCESTRY IN CHRONOLOGICAL FORM

This is to the best of my knowledge the dates when our grandparents came to America. The names, births, and deaths, of all the families are not absolutely certain in a few instances. I shall start with John Wittwer. For convenience sake we shall call him John Wittwer, Sr., to designate him from his son John Wittwer, who was my father and who we shall label John Wittwer, Jr. Starting with John Wittwer Sr. as he is the oldest ancestor I have any record of, we shall designate him as #1, his wife as #2, and the children in order of their ages shall be #3, #4, and etc. The children of these children shall go on in numerical form in a like manner.

John Wittwer Sr., #1, was born late in the seventeenth or early in the eighteenth century, and married Susan Studdler, #2. Both were born in Canton Bern, Switzerland. Their children follow:

#3 Susan Wittwer, birth unknown, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, died in Portland Oregon, February 7, 1914.
#4 Jacob Wittwer, born about 1825, In Canton Bern, Switzerland, died November 11, 1879.
#5 John Wittwer, Jr., Born December 25, 1831, in Canton Bern Switzerland, died February 16, 1908.
#6 Godlieb Wittwer, born July 29, 1834, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, died October 19, 1909.
#7 Mary Wittwer, born July 20, 1836, in Canton, Bern, Switzerland, died May 20, 1905.
#8 Rudolph Wittwer, born November 5, 1837, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, died February 22, 1895.
#9 Fredrick Wittwer, born July 19, 1841, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, died January 1, 1909.
#10 Christian Wittwer, born July 19, 1841, in Canton Bern Switzerland, died January 21, 1927.
#11 Peter Wittwer, date of birth unknown, in Canton Bern Switzerland, died January 19, 1925.
#12 Elizabeth Wittwer, date of birth unknown, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, date of death unknown.
#13 David Wittwer, born April 29, 1848, in Canton Bern,

Switzerland, died August 19, 1934.

#3 Susan Wittwer Spring

Susan Wittwer married #14, Jacob Spring in Switzerland. They brought their two children along to America. Their children follow: (Susan's real name was Susanna.)

#15 Katherine Spring, born 1846, died May 9, 1936.
#16 Mary Spring, born April 1847, died in 1930.
#17 Jacob Spring, Jr., born November 26, 1848, died March 14, 1926.
#18 Goddlieb Spring, born April 18, 1860, died about 1930.
#19 John Spring, born June 15, 1861, died April 17, 1923.
#20 Charles Spring, dates of birth and death unknown.

#15 Katherine Spring Lehman

Katherine Spring married Christian Lehman#21 on November 7, 1867. Their children follow:

#22 William Lehman, dates of birth and death unknown.
#23 Sofa Lehman, dates of birth and death unknown.
#24 Rose Lehman, dates of birth and death unknown.
#25 Clara Lehman, dates of birth and death unknown.
#26 Frank Lehman, dates of birth and death unknown.
#27 George Lehman, dates of birth and death unknown.

William is married and has a family living in San Diego, California. Sofa married #28, Frank Funk. They have one daughter. Rose and Clara were married, but had no families. Frank is married to #29, Sarah Kiner. They have one daughter. George is marriedand had a family living in Portland, Oregon.

#16 Mary Spring

Mary Spring married #30 Charles Heiser. They have one son, Charles, Jr., who is married and lives in Falls City, Nebraska. Mary Spring was married again to #31, William Hahn. Sofa and Clara were daughters of the first marriage. Sofa married a Leapold; Clara a Hoseman.

#17 Jacob Spring

Jacob, the oldest son of Susan Wittwer Spring, married Margaret Pauli, #32, and their children follow:

#33 Helen Spring married Kenneth Alvin Hollenbeck on December 14, 1912. They have one son, Kenneth, who was married June 15, 1936. They have one son born January 1, 1937. His name is Roy Allen Hollenbeck.
* #34 Harry Spring, born August 19, 1875.
#35 Leah Spring, born May 5, 1877. Not married at date.
#36 George Spring, born December 31, 1879. Unmarried.
#37 Cordelia Spring, born June 15, 1880. Unmarried.
* #38 Olive Spring, born May 19, 1881. Married A. Lortscher.
#39 Sarah Spring, born October 16, 1884. Married to a man by the name of Shyrock. They have two children; Frances F. Shyrock, born January 21, 1915, and Margaret Shyrock, born October, 1919. Sarah is a trained nurse and lives in Omaha, Nebraska.
* #40 Arthur Spring, born June 25, 1883. He is married to a Henderson. They have four children. They are: Leo Spring, born June 21, 1910, Lyle Spring, born February 12, 1912, Murrel Spring, born September 29, 1914, and Genevieve, born November 8, 1915. Genevieve is married to Murrel Gugelan, June 21, 1936. They live in Bern, Kansas.
#41 Susan Spring, born September 15, 1887. Ssusan married another Charles Heiser. Their children follow: Fern Heiser, born January 15, 1915. Wilma Heiser, born March, 1917, and Dortha Heiser, born October 8, 1923. This family lives in Salem, Nebraska.
#42 Roy Spring, born July 2, 1889, died March 31, 1936. Roy married Minnie Stauffer, who was born September 26, 1891. The date of their marriage is February 26, 1913. Their children are: Vincent Spring, born November 29, 1913, Clifford Spring, born April 2, 1916,
#43 Orien Spring, born May 23, 1919.
#43 Bessie Spring, born February 27, 1890.

* #34 Harry Spring married Nettie Fieldman. Their children are: Landis Spring, born April 23, 1911 and

Alvin Spring, born May 24, 1914. I believe that they live in DuBois, Nebraska.

* #38 Olive Spring was married to Adolph Lortscher on October 26, 1904. They have two sons, Carl, born November 2, 1907 and Kahn, born December 6, 1913. Carl Lortscher married Hester Hill On June 15, 1933.

* #40 Arthur Spring's wife died when Genevieve, their daughter, was a baby. Arthur's brother and sister, George and Cordelia, were never married and they took Genevieve to raise. They educated her and she stayed with them until she was married.

#18 Goddlieb Spring

Goddlieb married Hattie Leglar #44. They had one daughter whose name follows:

#45 Hattie Agnes Spring. She was born January 16, 1887 and married Guy Vernon Gates who was born at New Castle, Indiana, January 24, 1883. Their children follow: William Charles Gates, born May 21, 1913, at Valley Falls, Kansas, and Clarence Guy Gates, born July 29, 1916.

Goddlieb Spring remarried Nannie Wright #46 April 17, 1869. Their children follow:

#47 Vernna May Spring, born September 23, 1893. She married Herbert A. Johnson. They have one child, Bettie Jean Johnson, born June 5, 1923.
#48 Laverna Marie SpringDecember 1, 1901. She married a Mr. Gronwald. They have one child, Marie Frances.

The Herbert A. Johnsons have another child, Rhoda Johnson, born November 8, 1935.

#19 John Spring

John Spring married #50 Dora Hofman. Born to them was;

#51 Maud Spring who was married to Jess Hunziker. They

had two children. They were Leroy Hunziker, born August 15, 1911 and Cleo, born June 18, 1920. Leroy married On June 10, 1933. They have one child Dianne, born August 3, 1936

#20 Charles Spring

Charles Spring is married and lives in Manhattan, Kansas. He has one son, Larl, who is married and has three sons, Kenneth, Paul, and Robert.

#4 Jacob Wittwer, Sr.

Jacob Wittwer was born in Switzerland about 1825. His children follow:

#52 Mary Frances Wittwer, dates of birth and death unknown.
#53 Emma Wittwer, born March 21, 1872.
#53 Jacob Wittwer, Jr., dates of birth and death unknown.

These children were born in Richardson County, Nebraska, about five miles north of Bern, Kansas.

#52 Mary Frances Wittwer

Mary Frances Wittwer married #54 Albert Kennedy on March 4, 1897. Their children follow:

#55 Stanley A. Kennedy, born February 23, 1898. He is married but does not have any children.
#56 Vivian M. Kennedy, dates of birth and death unknown. She married Arthur Conklin who was born April 13, 1895. This marriage took place July 31, 1935, so that she must have been born December 13, 1899. Their children follow: Layton J. Conklin, born August 31, 1927, William Stanley Conklin, born October 2, 1928.
#57 LeRoy Kennedy, born July 23, 1904. LeRoy is married, Their children follow; Robert Roy Kennedy, born April 4, 1930, Rosella Marie Kennedy, born September

26, 1925. They live at Topeka, Kansas

#53 Emma Wittwer

Emma was born March 29, 1872 and married Robert Edie #58 on November 23, 1890. Robert died August 2, 1915. Their children follow:

#59 Chancy Orvil Edie, born October 11, 1891.
#60 Pearl Ruby Edie, bornon December 26, 1892.
#61 Laura Ellen Edie, born October 11, 1894.
#62 Charles Page Edie, born January 19, 1899.
#63 Ashford Robert Edie, born January 25, 1903.
#64 Clarion Topal Edie, born April 3, 1905.
#65 Orland Ellsworth Edie, born March 5, 1908.
#66 Harvey Edie, born October 17, 1910.

Chancy Edie married Ida Williams. They have three children, Bellie, Ernest, and Sarah Bell.

Pearl Ruby Edie married Clifford Kyle on October 10, 1919. They have one daughter who was born in 1935.

Laura Ellen Edie married Fred W. Bishop, March 4, 1913. Their children follow: Paul Bishop, born June 24, 1914, Margaruite, born May 19, 1916, Dale, born August 8, 1918, Martha, born August 6, 1921, Floyd, born February 26, 1924, Bettie Jean born February 24, 1926, Emma Darline, born September 10, 1923.

Charles Page Edie married Ruth Waisteen in 1928. They had no children in 1935.

Ashford Robert Edie married April 1936.

Clarion Topal Edie married Mabel Bronson, June 21, 1925. They have one daughter, Virginia Arline, born August 28, 1929.

#54 Jacob Samuel Wittwer, Jr.

Jacob was married to Theodosia Lehman #67 on June 24, 1903. Their children follow:

#68 Velma Maurine Wittwer, born May 31, 1904.
#69 Paul Archibald Wittwer , born June 25, 1908.
#70 John Bernard Wittwer, date of birth unknown.

#71 Margia Wittwer, date of birth unknown.

Velma is in Washington D.C. Paul is in the navy, and the others live in Bern, Kansas.

#5 John Wittwer, Jr.

John was born in Wimis, Canton Bern, Switzerland on December 25, 1831, and died February 13, 1909. He married Frances Tritchler #72, who was born December 5, 1840 and died June 14, 1914. They were married April 8, 1885. Their children follow:

#73 Sarah Ann Wittwer, born April 20, 1855
#74 Albert Wittwer, born Jan. 18, 1861
#75 David Antone Wittwer, Born July 28, 1865 and died Nov. 24, 1896 in Rumsey, Mont.
#76 Frederick John Wittwer, born March 15, 1868
#77 Flora Rosene Wittwer, born Dec. 12, 1870
#78 Alfred Rudolph Wittwer, born Nov. 3, 1873
#79 Orian Felisford Wittwer, born Jan. 11, 1876
#80 George Elmer Wittwer, born Dec. 15, 1877
#81 Mae Frances Wittwer, born April 20, 1880
#82 Wilda Gertrude Wittwer, born Sept 25, 1882

All of these children were born on the old homestead in Richardson County, Nebr. This was about two miles from the Fred Wittwer Family. It was situated about one-half mile from the Kansas line and we always got out mail from Kansas before there were trains from Albany. After that time we got it from Sabetha, Kan. This community is now known as the Zion neighborhood being named after the Zion Reformed church there.

#73 Sarah Ann Wittwer

Sarah Ann Wittwer married Amos Aca Watters #83

in her home on Jan. 20, 1858. Their children follow:

#84 Stella Rosena Watters, born Dec. 14, 1880 and died July 27, 1903
#85 Lela Viola Watters, born Nov. 26, 1884
#86 Cecil Maud Frances Watters, born Aug. 16, 1887
#87 Mary Norma Watters, born Nov. 16, 1892
#88 Violet Adamay Watters, born Nov. 30, 1897

There were four boys to this marriage but none of them ever lived to be two years of age. For that reason we shall omit them.

Lela Viola Watters married James T. Nash March 4, 1906. Their children follow: James LeRoy Nash was married and now lives on Long Island, N. Y. He was born Sept. 2, 1907. Mabel Frances Nash was born April 4, 1912. She is now married and living on Long Island, N. Y. Lela Betty Nash was born Aug. 26, 1924.

Cecil Maud Frances Watters was born Aug. 16, 1887 and married James William Campbell Feb. 5,1909. James Stanley Campbell was born about 1915. Edward Winston Campbell was born Nov. 14, 1923. Their address is 5364 Wabada Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Mary Norma Married Frederick Witler Sept. 18, 1916. She was born Nov. 16, 1892. Their children follow. Frederick Berner Witler, born Oct. 29, 1917. Wirsell Hanes Witler, born Dec. 1, 1919. Frederick died May 1924. Norma remarried John Christian Stalder Jan. 7, 1926. Their address is Humbolt, Nebr. R.3.

Violet Adamay married Chester Yard June 7, 1919. They have one son Chester Arthur Jr., born Feb. 21, 1926. Their address is 438 Woodlawn Ave., Webster Groves, Mo.

#6 Godlieb Wittwer

Godlieb married Celestia Hill. She was born

Oct. 10, 1850 in Ohio. Their children follow.

#89 D. R. Edward Wittwer, born Sept. 30, 1873 and died Feb. 11, 1911 near Sabetha, Kansas.
#90 Kit Wittwer, born April 11, 1875 near Sabetha, Kansas.
#91 Lee Wittwer now lives near Henderson, Ia. He is married and has a son and daughter.

Edward Wittwer married Iad Morris . They have one son and one daughter.

Kit Wittwer married Claud M. Linn April 4, 1894. Their children follow, Claud M. Linn Jr., born July 17, 1895. He married Ardis Haladay at Auburn Nebr. She was born July 4, 1899. Jack Linn, born May 30, 1921. Patrica Linn, born April 20, 1923. Gloria Linn, born in Kansas City Mo., Feb. 28, 1930. Don Linn, born in Humbolt, Nebr., July 16, 1899. Don married Ester Brinkman of St. Paul.

Mary Wittwer

Mary who was born in Switzerland married Josiah Ankney # 92. Their children follow:

#93 Susan Elizabeth Ankney, born Dec. 14, 1860 and died May 14, 1894.
#94 Sarah Abline Ankney, born Feb. 10, 1863 and died May 2, 1905.
#95 Lousia Margurett Ankney, born March 28, 1865 and died Jan 6, 1895.
#96 Mary Salome Ankney, born April 23, 1867.
#97 Rachel Florence Ankney, born July 13, 1869 and died Aug. 7, 1933.
#98 Emma Charlott Ankney, born Oct. 29, 1872.
#99 Norman Francis Ankney, born Feb. 11, 1874.
#100 Ella Josephine Ankney, born Aug. 27, 1876.
#101 Catherine Matilda Ankney, born Nov. 9, 1880.
#102 Grover Cleveland Ankney, born Aug. 25, 1884 and never married.

These children were all born on the old Ankney homestead near Stone Creek, Ohio. They are all living near that part of the country yet with the exception

of Norman # 99 and Ella #100. Norman lives in Calumet, Okla., R. F. D. 3. Ella married Kenton Penrod and makes her home near Amerilla, Texas.

#93 Susan Elizabeth Ankney

Susan married Jacob Hertzig #103. He was born May 21, 1857 and died March 7, 1926. Their children follow:

#104 Eve T. Hertzig, born June 6, 1882.
#105 Lambert B. Hertzig, born May 18, 1884 and never married.
#106 Mary M. Hertzig, born Feb. 2, 1886.
#107 Pauline M. Hertzig, born May 31, 1887 and adopted by a family by the name of Dills. Single in 1936.
#108 Louise A. Hertzig, born Feb. 13, 1890 and died Dec. 28, 1931.

#104 Eve T. Hertzig

Eve married Abado Crites #109. He was born June 6, 1882 and they have two children which follow:

J. Alfred Crites was born July 3, 1909. He was married to Irma Nobil Sept. 6, 1932 and they have no children to date.

Thurman Crites was born Nov. 26, 1911 and married Lillian Schantz. She was born Sept. 27, 1908 and their children follow. Ave Jean Crites, born July 3, 1930; Doris Pauline Crites born Aug. 23, 1931; and James Thurman Crites, born May 16, 1933.

Eve T. Crites remarried Feb. 28, 1933 to Benjaman Troyer #110. He was born Feb. 14, 1883. Their address is Sugar Creek, Ohio R. D. 2. There are no children to this marriage.

#101 Catherine Matilla Ankney

Catherine married Wes Paulis #111. Their children follow:

#112 Viola C. Paulis, born Feb. 5, 1904.
#113 Joseph H. Paulis, born Oct. 20, 1907.
#114 Howard C. Paulis, born September 1, 1909.

#115 Hester C. Paulis, born June 26, 1911.
#116 Mary E. Paulis, born May 16, 1913.
#117 Edith A. Paulis, born January 15, 1916.
#118 Sylvester A. Paulis, born June 17, 1918.
#119 Harold C. Paulis, born August 1, 1921.
#119½ Virgil Eugene Paulis, born June 7, 1924

Viola C. Paulis married Alfred Bungard. Their children are Alberta C. Bungard, born March 15, 1931, and Alfred J. Bungard, born March 3, 1932. Hester C. Paulis married Bruce Stutz. They had one child that died in infancy. Mary E. Paulis married Edward Harmon. Their children are David E. Harmon, born August 25, 1934, and Deloris M. Harmon, born March 8, 1936.

#97 Rachel Florence Ankney

Rachel married Jacob Schlup. They had two children. Their names follow:

#120 Mary Bernice Schlup , born August 3, 1892.
#121 Philip Herbert Schlup, born February 20, 1898.

Mary married Charles August Schlimm, born November 8, 1891. They had one daughter by the name of Isabelle Irene Schlimm, born January 6, 1920. This family lives in North Industry, Ohio.

On November 19, 1927, Philip Herbert Schlup was married to Berniece Elizabeth Smith, born November 16, 1905 . Their children follow: Richard Charles Schlup, born February 24, 1928, Robert Jacob Schlup, born December 5, 1930, Gerold David Schlup, born December 24, 1934.

#94 Sarah Abline Ankney

Sarah married Edward Clinton Baringer on July 14, 1892. Edward was born March 3, 1854 and died ~~September~~ 2, 1933. The children of this marriage are:

#122 Earl Baringer, born June 11, 1893.
#123 Edwin Clinton Baringer, born July 8, 1895.
#124 James McKinley Baringer, born May 9, 1897, died

May 25, 1924.
#125 Junior Baringer, born June 31, 1899.
#126 Lester Baringer, born November 7, 1903.

Edward Clinton Baringer and Lucille Kathryne Betzler, born May 28, 1903, were married on July 18, 1923 in Canton, Ohio. Their children are: Denise Lucille Baringer, born April 6, 1924, Deloris Mary Baringer, born May 21, 1925, William Edwin Baringer, born December 29, 1927, James Charles Baringer, born January 17, 1928, John Joseph Baringer, born May 22, 1934, Robert Lester Baringer, born May 5, 1936.

Lester Baringer and Florella Fay Burns, born April 16, 1909, were married in Canton, Ohio, on December 4, 1924. Their children follow: Larl Stanley Baringer, born June 26, 1926, Donna Lou Baringer, born May 2, 1929.

#98 Emma Charlotta Ankney

Emma married Frank D. Mathies, born July 14, 1869. This marriage took place on September 18, 1892. Frank died on January 28, 1914. The children of the marriage follow:

#127 Clarence E. Mathies, born June 25, 1893.
#128 Harry W. Mathies, born November 12, 1895.
#129 Emma Charlotta Mathies, date of birth unknown.

Clarence Mathies married Matty Rikert in 1918. They had one child, Emma Jean, born July 4, 1921. Harry W. Mathies married Lulla Derorl in 1919. They have one child, Ivon J. Mathies, born November 5, 1922. Emma Charlotta Mathies married John L. Kussbaumon June 29, 1922. They live in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

#99 Norman Francis Ankney

Norman married Mattie Fellors on March 17, 1904. Mattie was born on November 13. The children of this marriage follow:

#130 Hazel Irene Ankney, born October 23, 1905.
#131 David Norman Ankney, born September 17, 1907.
#132 Ella Josephine Ankney, date of birth unknown.

David Ankney married Lela Hobkins on December 19, 1935. They live in Calumet, Oklahoma.

Ella Josephine Ankney married Kenton Penrod. Their children are: Florence Lucille Penrod, born June 17, 1904, Helen Gertrude Penrod, born May 6, 1907. Helen married Edward Glenn Forseyth on July 13, 1932. They have one daughter, Frances Ann Forseyth, born April 6, 1933. Gladys Kathrine Penrod, born September 17, 1908, Russel Francis Penrod, born November 26, 1911, Laura Jenett Penrod, born February 16, 1915.

#106 Mary M. Hertzig
(Refer to Page 30.)

Mary Hertzig married Charles Hartman on February 16, 1907. Their children are: Russel C. Hartman, born April 1, 1908, Florence M. Hartman, born November 31, 1910, died August 6, 1933, Deloris J. Hartman, born May 16, 1913, married to G. Watson Vance on December 23, 1933, Florence E. Vance, born December 6, 1934 to Deloris and G. Watson Vance, and Earnest H. Hartman, born August 12, 1922.

#108 Louisa M. Hertzig
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Louisa M. Hertzig married John Hatch January 18, 1911. Born to them are: John Joseph Hatch, born November 25, Marie E. Hatch, born November 7, 1911, Richard G. Hatch, born March 20, 1912, Anna Louisa Hatch born November 26, 1914, Mildred Viola Hatch, born August 15, 1916, Helen Kathlene Hatch, born June 19, 1918, Robert J. Hatch, born September 13, 1920, Olive Leon Hatch, born April 19, 1922, Rose Mary Hatch, born June 18, 1923, William O Hatch, born December 21, 1925, Betty Bernice Hatch, born January 31, 1927, Delbert Dwain Hatch, born November 18, 1927, Gary Gene Hatch, born December 23, 1933. This family lives in Bern,

Kansas. Anna Louisa Hatch married Amos Clemons Ulmer on August 25, 1933. Their children are Amos Bernard Ulmer, born February 13, 1934, Shirley Beth, Ulmer, born April 17, 1935, Wava Jane Ulmer, born April 9, 1936. This family lives in Seneca, Kansas.

#96 Mary Salome Ankney

Mary Salome married William Charles Riley who was born August 5, 1965, and died November 3, 1919. Their children follow:

#133 Nelson Herbert Riley, born July 10, 1887.
#134 Clarence Riley, born December 21, 1892.
#135 Della Kathryn Riley, birth unknown.

Nelson Herbert married Edna May Delong. Born to them was: Herbert Ankney Riley, born September 3, 1923, George Riley, born May 29, 1930. This family lives in Midville, Ohio.

Clarence married Lucy Sours. Their children follow: Wanda Kathryn Riley, born September 3, 1918, Margaret Louise Riley, born June 12, 1922, Charles William Riley, born October 12, 1924.

Della Kathryn married Willis Timberlake. Her first husband died, and there were no children by this marriage.

#9 Rudolph Witwer

Rudolph Witwer, born November 5, 1837~~4~~ married Rachael Benfer. Their children follow:

#136 Cassie Witwer, born Oct. 19, 1870
#137 Charles Slayton Witwer born- Aug 14, 1874
#138 Alice Witwer, born March 30, 1880
#139 Mary Witwer, born Feb. 6, 1884

Cassie Witwer married Christ Maurer who was born in Switzerland. They have one daughter, Lucille who

was born in Oct. 25, 1892 She married John Renner and to them was born two children. One of these died shortly after birth, leaving one son Wayne Renner who was born in Aug 18, 1923 They have adopted a daughter by the name of Doris who was born April 2, 1928

Charles S. Witwer married Daisey Murphy and to them was born, Ida May Witwer who married Harlan Christman, in June 1934. They have one daughter, Naomi Jean. Ruth Lucille who was born December 25, 1912. David Slayton Witwer who was born April 15, 1914. Ruth was married September 13, 1937 to Harrison Dull.

Alice Witwer married Peter Anderegg. Their children follow: Marjorie Anderegg who married Paul Rice. They have four boys. Laura Anderegg is married to Arthur Corr. They have no children. Edith Anderegg who was married toHomer LenhartAugust 27, 1937. Robert Anderegg was married to Ethel Hatcher December 25, 1936. They have one daughter.

Mary Witwer married Alvin T. Miller. Cassie, Charles, and Mary live in Stone Creek, Ohio. Alice lives near Strawsberg, Ohio.

#9 Fredrick Wittwer

Fredrick Wittwer who was born in Switzerland in April 3, 1840, died January 1, 1909. He married Mary Ann Stalder who was born in Fulton County, Ohio On July 31, 1851. This marriage took place April 19, 1868 by Reverend Dunningin Richardson County, Nebraska. The children of this marriage follow:

#140 Edward Wittwer, born December 25, 1869, died October 17, 1932.
#141 William Fredrick Wittwer, born November 21, 1871.
#142 Charles Jacob Wittwer, born March 28, 1873.
#143 Rosetta Ellen Wittwer, born October 21, 1874.

#144 Henry Walter Wittwer, born September 25, 1876.
#145 Joseph Cyrus Wittwer, born December 1, 1877.
#146 Hiram Eugene Wittwer, born December 24, 1880.
#147 Peter Simon Wittwer, born October 29, 1882.
#148 Isaac James Wittwer, born June 14, 1884.
#149 Louis Christian Wittwer, born April 6, 1886.
#150 Sophia Elizabeth Wittwer, born April 10, 1888.
#151 Rachael Ann Wittwer, born January 11, 1891.
#152 Saloma Agnes Wittwer, born December 21, 1895.
#153 Viola Ruth Wittwer, born December 12, 1897.

#140 Edward Wittwer

Edward Wittwer married #154 Margaret Sparks in Oklahoma on July 14,1895. Margaret was born April 23, 1879. Their children follow:

#155 Edna Lorena Wittwer, born October 5, 1897.
#156 James Fredrick Wittwer, born September 29, 1899.
#157 Ethel Wittwer, born November 29, 1902.
#158 Esta Wittwer, born February 4, 1905.
#159 Edward Lloyd Wittwer, born March 10, 1909.
#160 William Floyd Wittwer, born March 10, 1909.
Edward and William were twins, and William Floyd died in 1914.
#161 Leroy Madison Wittwer, born November 16, 1911.

Edna Lorena Wittwer never married.

James Fredrick Wittwer married Grace Windel on August 28, 1924. Grace was born February 17, 1903. Their children follow: Fredrick Wendel Wittwer, born November 13, 1925, Jackson Alexander Wittwer, born June 12, 1927, Wanda Patrica Wittwer, born September 24, 1933, Richard Leo Wittwer, Born December 17, 1934.

Ethel Wittwer married Albert Wickham on September 20, 1922. Albert was born February 10, 1902. The children of this marriage follow: Norman Edward Wickham, born July 7, 1923, Josephine Pearl Wickham, born November 4, 1927.

Esta Wittwer was married to Ivan E. Joy on March 17, 1929. Ivan was born June 4, 1908. Their children

follow: Vanari Leon Joy, born March 27, 1930, Ivan Merle Joy, born November 3, 1934.

#161 Leroy M. Wittwer

Leroy M. Wittwer married Opal May Ball on July 19, 1935. She was born October 18, 1918.

#141 William Fredrick Wittwer

William Fredrick Wittwer, M.D. married Anna Nowlan #162. They had one child whose name follows:

#163 Fannie Bell Wittwer, date of birth unknown.

Fannie Bell Wittwer married John Officer. They have one dhild, William Kenneth Officer.

#142Charles Jacob Wittwer

Charles Jacob Wittwer married Dell Lynch in 18[illegible]8. Their children follow:

#164 Florence M. Wittwer, born October 30, 1900.
#165 Roy Wittwer, born November 19, 1904.

Florence Wittwer married Bernard Oaks. They have two children, Marion Margaret Oaks, born December 3, 1932. Bernard Francis Oaks, born July 14, 1930.
Roy Wittwer married Freda Herbster. They have two children, Helen Wittwer, born in 1932, and Roy, Jr., born in 1935.

#143 Rosetta Ellen Wittwer

Rosetta Ellen Wittwer married A. Porr on An September 25, 1898. Their Children follow:

#166 Waldo Porr, born June 28, 1899.
#167 Hester Porr, born August 6, 1904.
#168 Marvin Porr, born November 25, 1907.
#169 Doloris Porr, born April 21, 1911.
#170 Wayeth Porr, born May 21, 1914.

#171 Kathleen Porr, born November 2, 1921.

Waldo Porr married Alliene Cramer on March 28, 1923. They have two children, Norma Jean Porr, born January 27, 1924, Depliene Porr, born February 28, 1933.

Hester Porr married Charles Morhead on June 26, 1913. They live in Enid, Oklahoma.

Marvin Porr married Vivian Taylor on October 21, 1934.

#144 Henry Walter Wittwer

Henry Walter Wittwer married Georgie Allen on December 21, 1905. Their children follow:

#172 Chester Wittwer, born December 25, 1905.
#173 Oren Wittwer, born September 7, 1907.
#174 Merna L. Wittwer, born May 25, 1909.
#175 Fredrick C. Wittwer, born March 21, 1915.
#176 Victor D. Wittwer, born January 15, 1920.
#177 Dean Henry Wittwer, born October 5, 1922.
#178 Bonney Jean Wittwer, born April 10, 1927.

Chester Wittwer married Eva Ada Wickham. They have one son, Chester Allen Wittwer, born January 12, 1937.

Oren Wittwer married Gladys McKinney. They have one girl Jane Ann Wittwer, born June 29, 1935.

Merna Wittwer married Paul Bestwick on August 1935. They have no family in 1937.

#145 Joseph Cyrus Wittwer

Joseph Cyrus Wittwer married Sarah Frankhauser on January 21, 1903. Their children follow:

#179 Claron F. Wittwer, born October 12, 1903.
#180 Elma Wittwer, born January 18, 1906.
#181 Lucille Wittwer, born June 29, 1909.
#182 Lyle Wittwer, born August 24, 1912.

Sarah Frankhauser Wittwer died April 6, 1916.

Joseph C. Wittwer married again to Christina Stalder Wittwer. She was the widow of Bud Wittwer, David Wittwer's son. They were married Sept. 28, 1928.

Claron Wittwer is married and has two children.

Elma Wittwer married John Wiltse. He was born Sept. 6, 1906. They have two girls, Barbara Jo, born Dec. 9, 1932 and Saral Mae, born March 20, 1935.

Lucille Wittwer married Harold Hanna. He was born July 17, 1898 and they have two girls. Phillis Ray Hanna, born Sept 23, 1931., and Nancy Jane Hanna, born Jan. 28, 1933.

#146 Hiran Eugene Wittwer

Hiram married Wilda Wittwer who will be given later. They are first cousins and have no children.

#147 Peter Simon Wittwer

Peter married Grace Sims Dec 18, 1907. They have one daughter Margaret Wittwer, born April 1919.

#148 Isac James Wittwer

Isac is married and has one daughter Joan Wittwer. Joan was born in 1931.

#149 Louis Christian Wittwer

Louis Christian married Ola Crock Dec 25, 1912 and they have three children. Kenneth Dean Wittwer, born Sept. 24, 1914. Kenneth married Marion Flott in the early part of 1936. They have one daughter Donna Jean Wittwer, born Dec 13, 1936. Martha Jean Wittwer, born Dec. 29, 1920. Marjorie Donna Wittwer, born Aug. 22, 1922.

#150 Sophia Elizabeth Wittwer

Sophia married Clyde Middlesworth Jan. 19, 1926. They do not have any children.

#151 Rachel Ann Wittwer

Rachel Ann married William J. Brown Dec. 24, 1924. They do not have any children.

#152 Salome Agnes Wittwer

Salome Agnes Wittwer married Wayne Windle. He was born Aug. 24, 1894 and they were married March 21, 1919. Their children follow;

Mary Charlott Wittwer, Windle, born Oct. 30, 1921.
Anna Marie Windle, born Oct. 25, 1919.
Frederick Wittwer Windle, born Jan. 4, 1923.
Barbara Wittwer Windle, born Oct. 18, 1928.

#153 Viola Ruth Wittwer

Viola Ruth married Frank Kramer June 2, 1930. They have one son of the name of John Kramer, born Aug. 6, 1923.

#10 Christian Wittwer

Christian Wittwer, born July 19, 1841 in Switzerland was married but had no family.

#11 Peter Wittwer or Witver

Peter Witger married a daughter of the family that adopted him. There is some confusion as to his children. I think that he had ~~two~~ four daughters. and one son

#183 Susie Witver who married Abraham E. Miller.
#184 Mary Witver who married Eli Hershberger. There are no children to this marriage. Eli, however has a family of children from a former marriage.

#183 Susie Witver

The children of Susie Witver and Abraham E.

#1085 Sarah Witver, born Mar. 17, 1867
#1086 Lizzie Witver, born July 30, 1871
#1087 John Witver, born Apr. 15, 1877

#1085 Sarah Witver, born March 17, 1867
married Joe Miller. Their children:
#1088 Eris Miller, born July 31, 1893
#1089 John Miller, born Nov. 4, 1895
#1090 Ora Miller, born Sept. 19, 1909
#1091 Mary Miller, born Feb. 2, 1900
#1092 Emma Miller, born ~~July 30, 19~~ Oct. 3, 1905
died July 30, 1932
#1093 Rudy Miller, born Sept. 4, 1890
All are married and have families

#1086 Lizzie Witver, born July 30, 1871
married Valentine Miller. Their children:
#1094 Peter Miller, born July 31, 1904
#1095 Vernon Miller, born June 13, 1907
#1096 Emmanuel Miller, born Aug 31, 1902
#1097 Katy Miller, born July 8, 1898, died June 5, 1925

#1087 John Witver, born Apr. 15, 1877.
#1087 John married twice. First marriage:
#1098 Katy Witver, born Feb 25, 1903
Second marriage:
#1099 Minerva Witver, born Aug 25. 1909
#2000 Gladys Witver, born Feb 5, 1912
#2001 Alberta Witver, born Apr. 11, 1917
#2002 Peter Witver, born May 10, 1919
#2003 Daniel Witver, born Apr. 11, 1923
died Aug 19, 1934:

Miller follow:
#184½ Katie Miller, born Aug. 25, 1889. Died Nov. 1934.
#185 John A. Miller, born Jan. 12, 1892.
#186 Eli Miller, born Apr. 16, 1894.
#187 Pete Miller, born 1897, Dec. 6th.
#188 Lee Roy Miller, born Oct. 2, 1901.
#189 Alvin A. Miller, born Sept. 28, 1903.
#190 Ada Miller, born Jan. 5, 1906.
#191 Bertha Miller, born Jan 5, 1909.

#185 John A. Miller

John A. Miller married Anna Miller. She was born April 3, 1894. Their children follow:

#192 Eli Miller, born Nov. 7, 1920.
#193 Oliver Miller, born Oct. 3, 1922.
#194 Herman Miller, born Jan 2, 1927.
#195 Laura Miller, born Jan. 8, 1930.
#196 Frieda Miller, born Oct. 7, 1933.
#197 Ernest Miller born Feb 12, 1934.

#186 Eli Miller

Eli Miller married Sarah N. Troyer. She was born May 21, 1897. They were married Feb. 27, 1919. Their children follow:

#198 John Edwin Miller, born Nov. 26, 1919. Died Dec. 21, 1919.
#199 Mary Lucille Miller, born Oct. 24, 1920.
#200 Abraham Miller , born Feb. 7, 1923.
#201 Oliver Miller, born Dec. 2, 1924.
#202 Lena Miller, born Nov. 24, 1926. Died Dec. 19, 1932.
#203 Edward Miller, born Nov. 22, 1928, died May 31,1930.
#204 Annie Miller, born March 28, 1932.
#205 Ura Miller, born Jan 13, 1934.
#206 Susie Miller, born Dec. 20, 1936, died Dec. 23,1936.

#187 Pete Miller

Pete Miller married Mary Miller and their home is in Plain City. Their children follow:

#1089 Enis Miller married Mary Miller who was born April 25, 1891. Their children follow:

#2004 Arus Miller, born Nov. 7, 1921
#2005 Willis Miller, born Aug. 24, 1926
#2006 Joseph Miller, born Dec. 27, 1928
This family lives near Hartville, O. R. #1

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#1090 Rudy Miller married Dec. 30, 1919 to Jennie Troyer who was born Feb. 18, 1902. Their children follow.

#2007 Dennis Devon Miller, born Feb. 16, 1920
#2008 Helen Lorene Miller, born Dec. 21, 1921
#2009 Maxine Lavon Miller, born July 21, 1926
#2010 Stanley Crushew Miller, born Nov. 22, 1930

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#1091 Mary Miller married Jan. 13, 1921 to Levi Hochstetler who was born Aug. 10, 1891. Their children:

#2011 Joan Hochstetler, born June 15, 1922
#2012 Irma Hochstetler, born Sept. 18, 1925.
#2013 Sarah Hochstetler, born Nov. 22, 1927.
#2014 Clara Hochstetler, born Jan 31, 1930.
#2015 John Hochstetler, born March 17, 1933.

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#1092 Emma Miller married John S. Raber Dec. 24, 1925. Emma died July 30, 1932.

#207 Frieda Irene Miller, born July 4, 1920.
#208 Glen Alva Miller, born Jan 17, 1924.
#209 Katie Miller, born Aug. 8, 1926.
#210 Susie Frances Miller, born Sept. 21, 1928.
#211 Carl Nelson Miller, born Nov. 18, 1929.
#212 Esther Ellen Miller, born Oct. 20, 1931.
#213 Orven Willis Miller, born Apr. 14, 1933.
#214 Ruth Eleanor Miller, Sept. 9, 1934.
#215 Dorthea Jean Miller, born Feb. 19, 1936.

#188 Lee Roy Miller

Lee Roy Miller married Lizzie Troyer. She was born April 9, 1902. To them were born:

#216 Emma Lucille Miller, born June 9, 1927.
#217 Susie Viola Miller, born Sept. 21, 1928.
#218 Fannie Mae Miller, born Dec. 30, 1929.
#219 Clarence Lester Miller, born Jan. 26, 1931.
#220 Eli Lewis Miller, born Oct. 27, 1932.
#221 and #222--Twins, Mary Ada and Arie Sadie Miller, born Feb. 9, 1936.

#189 Alvin A. Miller

Alvin A. Miller , born Sept 28, 1903 was married to Sarah Ellen Kramer. She was born Feb. 2 , 1907. Their children follow:

#222 Mabel Irene Miller, born Nov. 24, 1928.
#223 Ada Mae Miller, born March 16, 1930.
#224 Arie Lucille Miller, born Sept 7, 1931.
#225 Alma Pauline Miller, born Feb. 17, 1933.
#226 Susie Arlene Miller, born Sept 13, 1934.

#190 Ada Miller

Ada Miller, born Jan 5, 1906 married Wyman Schlabach who was born April 26, 1906. They were married Dec. 15, 1927. Their children follow:

#227 Alvin Wayne Schlabach, born Dec. 18, 1928.
#228 Arie Mae Schlabach, born July 20, 1931.
#229 Lydie Marie Schlabach, born June 29, 1936.
#230 Edwin Ray Schlabach, born June 27, 1933-died '34.

#1097 Katy Miller married Sam Beachy. Their children follow:

#2016 Alan Beachy
#2017 Lizzie Beachy
#2018 Lena Beachy

#1096 J. Emmanuel Miller was married. Their children:

#2019 Eugene Dale Miller, born Nov. 25, 1927
#2020 Richard Alan Miller, born Jan. 4, 1930.
#2021 Betty Jane Miller, born Mar. 24, 1934.

#1094 Peter Miller married Mary Bortrager. Their children:

#2022 Sarah Marie Miller, born May 21, 1928
#2023 Betty Ellen Miller, born Feb. 4, 1930
#2024 Lee Roy Miller, born July 13, 1932
#2025 Mary Alice Miller, born Nov. 12, 1934
#2026 Edna May Miller, born June 13, 1936

#1095 Vernon Miller married Ellen Hopper. Their children:

#2027 Marvine Miller born June 29, 1930.

#191 Bertha Miller

Bertha Miller, born Jan 5, 1906 and married Danial A. Mast. He was born July 18, 1909. Their children:

#231 Lee Roy Mast, born March 22, 1932.
#232 Susie Irene Mast born March 14, 1934.
#233 Ivan Ray Mast, born Dec. 21, 1935.

#184½ Katie Miller

Katie Miller, the oldest child was born August 25, 1889 and died Nov. 20, 1934. She married Jonas S. Gingerich. He was born June 6, 1888. Their children follow:

#234 Edna Pauline Gingerich Troyer, born Dec. 10, 1913.
#235 Bertha Lucille Gingerich Mullet, born Feb 22, 1915.
#236 Susanna Jane Gingerich, born Feb 24, 1916.
#237 Archie John Gingerich, born May 27, 1917.
#238 Mary Elizabeth Gingerich, born June 30, 1919.
#239 Daniel Edward Gingerich, born Jan. 17, 1921.
#240 Alvin Alfred Gingerich, born Feb. 3, 1923.
#241 Ada Marie Gingerich, born Oct. 19, 1927.
#242 William Jay Gingerich, born June 18, 1929. Died August 27, 1930.
#243 Wilma Mae Gingerich, born Nov. 15, 1930
#244 Freeman Arthur Gingerich, born Jan 2, 1933.

Most of these families make their homes near Millersburg, Ohio in Holmes County.

#12 Elizabeth Wittwer

Elizabeth Wittwer who was born in Switzerland was born April 13, 1848 and died July 16, 1930. She married Jacob Krainbill. He was born in 1847. Their children are:

245. Albert Krainbill, born July 13, 1878.
#246 Frederick Krainbill, born Dec. 25, 1879.
#247 Milton Krainbill, born May 15, 1883.
#248 Sarah Krainbill, born July 4, 1887.

Albert Krainbill married Ethel Boyd Feb. 15, 1908.

Their children are Kermet Krainbill, born May 16, 1910 and Kathryn Krainbill, born Aug. 18, 1919.
Kermet Krainbill married Dortha Plaiman Nov. 25, 1935 and they have one son Dale Gaylord Krainbill, born Aug. 12, 1936.

#246 Frederick Krainbill married Mamie Boyd Feb. 15, 1911. They have no family.

#247 Milton Krainbill married Eve Kennedy March 29, 1911. They have two sons; Vernon Krainbill, born May 29, 1912 and Victor Krainbill, born Sept 8, 1914.

#248 Sarah Krainbill married George A. Ehrsam Jan. 11, 1911 and their children are; Alger Rex, born June 5, 1921., and Donald Lee , born July 25, 1927.

#13 David Wittwer

David Wittwer, born in Wimis, Canton Bern, Switzerlandon April 29, 1848, died August 19, 1934 at his home in Humbolt, Nebraska. He married #249 Louisa Stalder, born, December 3, 1859, died September 19, 1918. Their children follow:

#250 Ida Matilda Wittwer, born April 20, 1881.
#251 Fannie Wittwer, born April 30, 1885.
#252 George Antone Wittwer, born February 20, 1888.
#253 David E. Witwer, born April 22, 1891.
#254 Bud Franklin Wittwer, born January 9, 1893, died January 14, 1919.
#255 Otilla Wittwer, born July 13, 1898.

#250 Ida Matilda Wittwer

Ida Matilda Wittwer married Thomas Jones, born May 1, 1880. They adopted Elmer Jones. Elmer was married and has two children Lucille May Jones, born December 22, 1933, and Shirley Irene Jones, born November 22, 1935.

#251 Fannie Wittwer

Fannie Wittwer married #256 Peter Fankhouser, born September 16, 1883. Their children are:

#257 Sylvan Wright Fankhouser, born February 17, 1910.
#258 Beulah May Fankhouser, born September 6, 1911.
#259 Leo Melvin Fankhouser, born May 20, 1914.
#260 Elsworth E. Fankhouser, born March 31, 1915.
#261 Melvin LeRoy Fankhouser, born October 12, 1919.
#262 Harold J. Fankhouser, born April 7, 1921.

#252 George Antone Wittwer,

George Antone Wittwer married #263 Ida Margaret Staofer who was born August 1, 1889. Their children follow:

#264 Pearl Lucille Wittwer, born September 17, 1911.
#265 Zella Wittwer, date of birth unknown.

Pearl Lucille Wittwer married Harold Johnson, who was born November 1, 1911. Their children follow: Douland LeRoy Johnson, born November 14, 1932, Jerry Lee Johnson, born May 14, 1935. This family lives in Humboldt, Nebraska

#253 David Wittwer

David Wittwer was born April 22, 1891. He was married and had three children. Their names follow:

#266 Elrua Ruth Wittwer, born July 8, 1922.
#267 Rouald Wittwer, born October 21, 1926.
#268 Sterling Wittwer, born September 24, 1929.

This family lives in Humboldt, Nebraska

#254 Bud Franklin Wittwer

Bud Franklin Wittwer married Christena Stalder in 1907. Their Children follow:

#269 Emery Wittwer, born July 23, 1908.
#270 Gwendolyn Wittwer, born April 29, 1915.

Emery married a Miss Reider. They have no children.

#255 Otilla Wittwer

Otilla Wittwer married Kenneth Avery, born December 8, 1904. Their children follow:

#271 Euteva Louisa Avery, born December 22, 1927.
#272 Kenneth Orville Avery, born July 22, 1930.

This family lives in Pawnee City, Nebraska, R.F.D.

#5 John Wittwer, Jr.
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#77 Flora Rosena Wittwer

Flora Rosena Wittwer, daughter of John Wittwer, Jr., was born December 12, 1870. She married #273 Carey M. Howard, born January 31, 1892. They had no children, but adopted a boy and a girl. Their names follow:

#274 Domer Lawton Howard, born in 1896.
#275 Crystal Howard, born June 3, 1910.

Domer Lawton Howard married Dolly Hanks on July 20, 1917. Their children follow: June Howard, born July 19, 1919, Bruce Howard, born February 10, 1924, Nona May Howard, born May 7, 1923, Dean Howard, born September 1928.

Crystal Howard married John Wesley Rudy on May 1, 1932. Their children follow: Beverly Bell Rudy born March 6, 1934, and Richard Kent Rudy, born August 11, 1935. They live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Routel.

#78 Alfred Rudolph Wittwer

Adfred Rudolph Wittwer, born November 3, 1873, married Laura Sharrah on June 28, 1899. Laura was born July 12, 1876. Born to them was:

#276 Almeda J. Wittwer, born January 5, 1900.
#277 Thorvald John Wittwer, born January 26, 1905.
#278 Fern Wittwer, born November 15, 1910.
#279 Roland Wittwer, date of birth unknown.

The address of this family is 1217 Laramie St., Manhattan, Kansas.

,#79 Oran T. Wittwer

Oran T. Wittwer, born January 11, 1876 was married, but his wife died. He had no children. Orian's address is 4008 Clare Ave., Bell, California.

#80 George Elmer Wittwer,

George Elmer Wittwer, married Mattie Stalder, born August 14, 1882. They were married April 11, 1907. Their children follow:

#280 Nadine Wittwer, born May 17, 1908.
#281 Lela Wittwer, born October 25, 1910.
#282 Opal Blyth Wittwer, born July 28, 1912.
#283 Don Cleland Wittwer, born March 20, 1915.
#284 Roberta Wilda Wittwer, born November 11, 1918.

The family address is Sabetha, Kansas, R.F.D. Nadine married Charles Ritchey, a dentist. They have one son, Charles LeRoy Ritchey, born September 6, 1934. Nadine and her husband live in Alva, Oklahoma.

Lela Wittwer married Donald Sl Holm on June 27, 1935. They live in Elm Creek, Nebraska.

#81 Mae Frances Wittwer

Mae Frances Wittwer married Bert C. Emmert on

November 1902. Bert Emmert died . They had one son whose name follows:

#285 Leon V. Emmert, born January 5, 1905.

Leon is married and his wife's name is Alice. They have no children and their address is 1370 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, Illinois.

After Bert Emmert died, Mae Frances Wittwer married Ernest Rains. Their address is 316 Last Sixth Street, Oklahoma, Oklahoma.

#82 Wilda Gertrude Wittwer

Wilda Gertrude Wittwer, born September 25, 1882 was married to Hiram Eugene Wittwer, born December 24, 1880. They have no children, and their address is Dawson, Nebraska, R.F.D.

This is a copy of the Program of the fifth Annual Witwer reunion in 1928.

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL
AT
WITWERS' BURIAL GROUND

Near Blue Ball, Penna.

1727 AND 1928

5th ANNUAL REUNION
of the
WITWERS OF AMERICA
to be held at
CENTER CHURCH
Monday, September 3, 1928

PROGRAM

10:30 A. M. Openint Hymn--"America".....by the Clan
10:40A.M. Scripture Reading and Prayer.....
By Bishop Benjamine Weaver, Goodvile, Pa.
10:55A.M. Hymn--"Faith of our Fathers".....
by the Clan
11:15A.M. Unveiling Address.....
Rev. Albert Witwer, D.D. Lancaster, Pa.
11:55 A.M. Closing Prayer at the Burial Grounds...
Rev. Albert M. Witwer, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
Dinner at CENTER CHURCH
Song "Onward Christian Soldiers".....by the Clan
1:15 P.M. Remarks by the President of the Clan...
Titus Witwer, Philadelphia, Pa.
1:30 P.M. Address.....Charles A. Witwer,
Attorney, at Law, New York, N.Y.
2:00P.M. Address.....John B. Witwer, South Bend
2:15 P.M. Address.....Rev. A.M. Witwer, Jr. Phila.
2:45 P.M. Address...M. Stanley Witwer, Ph.D., Elvenson, Pa.
3:10 P.M. Historians Report....Elmer Witwer, Lancaster, Pa.
3:30 P.M. Treasurers Report....Earl K. Witwer, Elverson, Pa.
3:45 P.M. Hymn--"God Be With Us".....by the Clan

3:55 P.M. Closing Remarks and Prayer.....
Rev. David W. Weaver, Birdsboro, Penna.

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BALANCE OF THE DAY SHAKING HANDS

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

TO ALL WITMERS IN AMERICA

Unveiling of WITMER MEMORIAL MONUMENT IN THE OLD WITMER GRAVEYARD?Z upon the grave of MICHAEL WITMER, first AMERICAN ANCESTOR OF THE WITMERS OF AMERICA. ON LABOR DAY September 3, 1928.

This graveyard is located about two and one half miles North West of Blue Ball, Pa. on the State highway leading to Ephrata; a conspicious marker will be placed to direct you to the place of unveiling.

You cannot afford to be absent, for it is to be a GREAT EVENT IN WITMER HISTORY, the monument is very appropriate, hewn from a local Pennsylvania granit, namely French Creek Granit, St. Peters, Penna. and the bronze tablet thereon will enlighten the coming generations concerning their source.

At the close of the Unveling services the entire WITMER CLAN and FRIENDS will go to CENTER CHURCH? only a few miles from the unveiling, where the remainder of the day will be spent in celebrating our reunion. A pleasing and instructive program has been arranged for your benefit. Bring your BASKETS WELL FILLED and spend the entire day in celebrating of this event. Coffee will be FREE. TABLES will also be at your service.

Anyone chosing to contribute toward this Memorial Marker can send in his or her contribution to Earl K. Witmer, Treasurer, Elverson, Pa. and same will be placed in the Memorial FUND.

BRING THIS LEAFLET WITH YOU
BY ORDER OF THE OFFICERS

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Treasurer.....Earl K. Witwer, Elverson

From a newspaper, August 12, 1931

WITWER REUNION

The ninth annual Wittwer reunion was held at the old Chautauqua grounds at Salem, Nebraska, August 6th, 1931. This was the largest reunion this family has enjoyed so far, 122, being present. The Wittwer family is one of the oldest in southeast Nebraska, having settled there in 1855. There were 11 of the old generation that came to this country from Switzerland, nine of which were represented at this reunion.

David Wittwer, Sr., 83 years old, the only surviving member of the older family was present, enjoying the best of health and in his usual jovial spirits! With him were the following named children and grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George Wittwer, Mrs. Fannie Fankhauses, two sons and daughter, Beulah, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Wittwer all of Humboldt and Gwendolyn Wittwer, Sabetha, Kansas.

Within this reunion were two complete family reunions. The most complete being Lizzie Wittwer Krainbills family, as all of her descendents were there, which we appreciate. They are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krainbill, Kermit, and Katherine: Mr and Mrs. Fred Krainbill; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Krainbill, Vernon and Victor; Mr. and Mrs.Mrs. George Ehrsam, Rex and Donald, all of Bern, Kansas.

The other complete family was the John Wittwer family which are widely scattered and all made a special

effort to be present as they had not been together since June 1914. They are: Mrs. Sarah Watters Howell, St. Louis, Missouri., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wittwer, Humboldt, Nebraska., Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Wittwer, Stoneham, Colorado, Mrs. Flora Howard and Mrs. Mae Rains, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, A.R. Wittwer, Hiawatha, Kansas, O.T. Wittwer, Bell, California, George L. Wittwer, Sabetha, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wittwer, Dawson, Nebraska.

It was indeed a happy gathering. In addition to the immediate family the following grandchildren and great grandchildren were present: Mr. Jas. W. Campbell, Stanley and Winston, St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Yard and Chester of Webster Groves, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Wittwer, Fern and Rolland Wittwer, Hiawatha, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Coral Deaver, Betty Jane, Duncan, Carrol, Atchison, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Shumaker, Wetmore, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Stalder, Bernard, Wirsell, Dawson, Nebraska; Lela and Roberta Wittwer, Sabetha, Kansas; Crystal Howard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Fred Wittwer family was represented by Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Wittwer, Loyd, LeRoy and Edna; Mr. and Mrs. James Wittwer, Frederick, Jack and little Josephine Wickham; Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Wittwer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wittwer, Mr. And Mrs. A.A. Porr, Wythe and Kathleen; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wittwer, Oran, Fred, Victor, Dean, Elma, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Wittwer, Martha and Marjorie of Sabetha, Kansas.

The Jake Wittwer family was represented by Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Topeka, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Wittwer and daughter, Marjorie, of Bern, Kansas.

The Gotlieb Wittwer family was represented by Mrs. C.M. Linn, Humboldt, Nebraska; Patricia and Jack of Kansas City; Mary Wittwer of Henderson, Iowa.

Christ Wittwer was represented by his widow, Mrs. Wittwer, of Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Susan Wittwer Spring was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spring of Sabetha, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meiser, Fern, Wilma and Dorothy of Falls City, Nebraska; Mrs. Hollenbeck, Cordelia, Genevieve and Leah Spring all of Bern, Kansas.

Mary Wittwer Ankney w s represented by three great-grandchildren, Mildred, Ann and Marie Hatch of Bern, Kansas.

Guests were Miss Gladys McKinney, Falls City, Nebraska and Miss Billy Bickel, Oklahoma City.

A Newspaper Clipping on
THE 12th ANNUAL WITTWER REUNION

The 12th annual Wittwer family reunion was held Thursday at Sun Springs. There were 58 present. Following the covered dish luncheon at non, many went swimming while others spent the afternoon visiting and reminiscing. At 3 o'clock ice cream and cake were served, after which the annual business session of the family organization was conducted. All of the present officers were re-elected--Charles Wittwer of Salem, president; D.L. Wittwer of Humboldt, vice president; Mrs. Thomas Jones of Humboldt, secretary-treasurer. It was voted to hold the reunion at Sun Springs next year the second Thursday in August. Members of the family were present from Humboldt, Sabetha, Salem Dawson and Bern. Among those from a distance were; Mr. and Mrs. Cary Howard of Oklahoma City, who were enroute to Fishtail, Montana; Mrs Mae Lammert of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Shoemaker of Wetmore, Kansas.

she is buried in Cemetery in Rogersville.

Mary Miller

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Supplement to the Wittwer Geneology written by
Sarah W. W. Howell and Slayton Wittwer.

Finished Aug. 1937.

The following material contains some new incidents also corrections for the Geneology proper.

I am sorry I didn't have some one to help me make the corrections before the book was finished. It is almost impossible to get every thing corrected as all my manuscripts have been destroyed. I will do the best I can by depending upon my memory.

Preface page I Par . 3 Sarah was 77.

Introducrory page 3 Par. 3 I want to mentipn my sister Mae and My daughter Cecil , who helped me with the corrections. I wish to thank Sam, also and Jola Jones Marjorie Rice, who so kindly gave me all the information about the Anderegg family.

Page 2 (book proper) Par. 3 the long journey from New York was made by canal.

Par. 3 Frederick was a carpenter.

Par. 3 at the bottom of the page instead of six boys and Aunt Lizzie it was John, Jacob, Susan, her husband, Jacob Spring and their two children Katherin and Jacob.

Page 3 John Wittwer and Frances Tritchler were married April 8, 1855.

Page 6 Par. 2 Jacob Wittwer not Spring.

Page 6 About 1858 Jacob Spring Sr. bought a farm on Four Mile Creek two miles north east of Bern where they lived until all the children were married Their son Charles still owns the place.

Page 20 Par. 2 Jake Wittwer had two sons and three daughters, Emma and Mary who were housewives.

Page 20 Par. 4 Uncle Fred had nine boys and five girls, seven boys and one girl stuck to the farm.

Page 21 The ancestors of all the original Wittwers were born in Wimis Canton Bern Switzerland.

She is buried in Cemetary in Rogersville,
Page 21 Chis so is Grandfather Wittwer No 1 in genealogy 2

#No 2 Susan Studdler Born Jan 11-1807 died Apr. 14-1869

Page 2I par. 3 Susan Wittwer born I823 died Feb. 7 I9I4 in Portland Oregon.

Page 2I #9 Frederick born April I3 I840
I0 Christian born July I9 I84I
#II Elizabeth born April 23 died July 6 I9I0, Born, Kans.

Peter married Kathrine Miller (born Dec, I845 died Sept. 2I I9I9.

Page 22 Gotlieb Spring is still living , address Hollondale, Florida. R. F. D, 7I4.

Page 22 # 20 Charles Spring's Address II27, Larmie, Manhattan, Kans.

Page 22 Wm. Lehman, Frank Lehman, Sofia Lehman, and George Lehman are still living.

Page 22 Charles Spring born Oct. I0 I865 married Mary Thresa Koester Oct. 5 I893 Their children. Charles Spring died

Earl Charles Spring born Sept 28 I893.
Gladys Marie Spring born Feb. 3 I895 died Jan. 7 I919
Alvin Roland Spring born Jan. I I900 died Feb. 3 I90I
Glen Wesley Spring born Nov. 8 I900
Clyde Lesley Spring born Jan. 22 I902
Earl married Esther Boarg (born Dec. I9 I893) married Aug. 4 I9I5
Their children
Kenneth Earl Spring born Feb I3 I9I9
Paul Gerald Spring born ~~I9 I925~~ Sept 8-1922.
Robert Keath Spring born Sept ~~8 I922~~ 19-1925
Glen Wesley Spring married Dorothe Wilson (born June 8 I908) married June I8 I928
Their children

Donald Keath Spring born July 22 I929
Richard Wilson Spring born July I9 I93I

Page 44 # 245 Bud Wittwer born Jan. 9 I883
Lela and James Nash Address is 834 New Port Ave. ~~St. Louis Mo.~~ Webster Groves Mo
Ruth Wittwer name is Doll
Laura Anderegg's name is Kohr.

Laura Anderegg born Apr. 4 1906 married Arthur Kohr May 27 1928 They adopted Arthur Dickey Krantz Feb. 6 1938
Edith Anderegg born March 28 1908 married Homer Lenhart Aug. 26 1937 Address Mansfield Ohio R. F. D.
Robert Frederick Anderegg born Dec. 6 1909 married Dec. 26 1936 to Ethel L. Hatcher (born Sept 1 1914)
Their children
Alice Lee Anderegg born June 29 1937.

Page 45 # 365 Zella Wittwer born Oct. 10 1915.

Page 45 # 364 Pearl Lucile Wittwer married Herold Johnson who was born March 1 instead of Nov. 1.

Page 30 # 105 Lambert Hertzig died June 16 1935.

Page 30 #113 Viola and Alfred Bungard have another son Louis Sylvester Bungard born May 22 1937.
Mary L. Paulus Harman and Edward Harman have a son Donald Wayne born Sept. 12 1937.

Page 31 # 113 Joseph C. Paulus married Vera Domer June 26, 1937.

Page 32 # 108 NO official record of a John Joseph Hatch.
Dolbert Dwain Hatch born Nov. 11 1930
Gary Gene Hatch born Dec. 18 1932.
Page 34 Par. 1 Anna Hatch Ulmer has another daughter Karen Lee born Feb. 15 1938.

Page 34 # 135 Della Katheryn Riley born May 15 1890.

Page 35 Ida May Wittwer Christian born Feb. 29 1908.
Her daughter Naema Jean born June 29 1936
Harlan Jr. born Aug. 26 1937.

Page 36 Par. 3 James Frederick Wittwer has twins born Oct. 2 1936 Names Gary Lee + Mary Louise
150 Floyd's baby girl Rosalee born Jan. 4 1938.

Page 25 Par. 3 Jacob Wittwer Sr. Married Rosie Stauffer in the spring of 1870
Their children
Mary Frances Wittwer born Jan. 29 1871
Emma Wittwer born March 29 1872.
Jacob Samuel Wittwer born Nov. 29 1875
Sarah Ann Wittwer born Oct. 27 1878
Charles Wittwer born Dec. 6 ~~1879~~. 1879

Charles Wittwer is a Dentist, married, no children lives in Barnard Kans.
Sarah Ann married Charles George Potter Oct. 31 1903
Their children
Keith Potter born Sept. 1 1905 at Loveland Colo.
Waldo George Potter born June 29 1908 in Denver Colo

Page 35 Par. 55 Stanley A. Kennedy married no children. Divorced. married again and has two children.

Page 26 Par. 70 John Benard Wittwer born May 13 1913
Marjorie Wittwer born July 28 1918 married John Nelgen June 20 1938

Page 27 Par. 5 John Wittwer Sr. died Feb. 16 1908 was married apr. 8 1855.

Page 28 Sarah Ann Wittwer born 1858 married Ames Walters Jan. 2 1878.

Page 33 Par 4 James Stanley Campbell born Feb. 14 1917
Page 58 Par. 3 Wirsell Haynes Witler born Dec. 1. 1919
~~1918~~

Page 58 Par. 6 Chester Arthur Yard Jr. born Feb. 21 1923

Page 35 Par. 3 James Leroy Nash married and divorced Married again Sept. 25 1936 to Irene Mueller (born Jan. 1 1918) residing in New Jersey.
Mabel Frances Nash married Edward Spencer Guidal Jr. May 28 1936 live in Keys Garden L.I. New York

Page 27 Par 74 Albert Wittwer married Lydia Velvick (born Oct. 6 1883) Married Jan. 16 1906 no children

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John Wittwer family

Page 27 Par. 75 David Anton Wittwer married Sonnie Jensen Jan. I9 I892

Their daughter

Dorthea Wilda Wittwer born March 4 I893 in Rumsey Montana

David Wittwer is buried in Phillipsburg Mont. and has a tomb stone should any one ever care to look up the grave. In old fellows lot.

Dorthea Wilda Wittwer married Aug. I4 I925 to William Charles Sheller, no children Address 7I Lindsley Ave. West Orange N.J. Sheller died Aug 6-1938

Page 27 Par. 76 Frederick John Wittwer married Jonnie Peck (born Jan. 9 1874 children ~~3 I893.~~ 1874

Coral Wittwer born July 3I I893 married Glen Theron Sloiger Sept. I8 I9I6

Glen Theron Sloiger Jr. born Aug. 9 I9I7

Dwight Sloiger born Oct. I0 I9I9

Kenneth Sloiger born June I4 I922

Bonita Joan Sloiger born Nov. 5 I936 They live at Larmer Wyo.

Elvira Gladys Wittwer born Dec. 24 I895 married Carl Shoemaker Dec. 28 I93I no childern.

Page 46 Par. 77 Flora Rozena Wittwer married Carey M. Howard (born Dec. I3 I870) married Jan. 3I I896

Page 47 Par. 279 Roland Wittwer born Apr. I5 1913 married Jonnie Little Oct. 25 I937

Page 48 Par. 3 Leon Emmert has one son Kirk, born Oct. I6 I937. Rettig

Page 29 Par. I32 is not a daughter of Normam but a sistor and is listed on page 39 under # I00

Page 35 Par. 3 Marjorie Anderegg born May 23 I90I married June I9 I926 to Paul Rice , an electriction.

Their children

Daroll Stanley Rice born Jan. 2 I928

Donald Joe Rice born Apr . 23 I929.

Rudy Ray Rice born Jan. I3 I932

Larry Paul Rice born Mar. I7 I937

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I6I Leroya's baby girl Barbara Jean born June 27 I936.

Laura_ Arthur J. Kohr Address is Bolivar Ohio
Edith _ Homer W. Lonhart Address Navarie Ohio
Robert Frederick Anderegg Address Strausburg Ohio
Claron F. Wittwer Address 25I7 35th. St. Galveston Texas

Page 26 # 60 Pearl Ruth Edie married Clifford Kyle They have one daughter born in 25 Address 317 - 16 East Hutchinson Kan

Page 33 Marie E. Hatch married Charles Habegger March I9 I938

I think that is the best I can do . I hope all that I have sold a book to will believe me when I say I would never have asked you to buy one had I known the condition they were in. I had just received them and was leaving soon.I wanted to sell some to help Slayton pay for getting them out. I didn't find out until they began saying did you know this, Isn't right? This one is left out. Why didn't you Know this ones birth? and soon . Then the omly thing I could think of diong was just what I have done. I know there are still mistakes in the book . even in the supplement.

I have worked faithfully days and days, now all I can say is I truly sorry I ever tried to write it. When Slayton and I were so far apart and he knew so little about so many of the families. I such a poor scribe and not good with the typewritter . Taking it all in all I guess we should be thankful it wasn't worse bad as it is.

Please excuse all errors and try to think of me kindly as I have done the best I could. I will be 80 years old next nomth.

Sincerely Sarah Wittwer Watters

Howell Name assumed married only once.

At the I3th. annual Wittwer reunion at Sun Springs Kan. Aug . I2 I(37. It was decided to have the third Thursday in Aug. as the day we shall have the reunion hereafter and not to be changed unless you are notified. I30 were persent, Those from a distance were

Claron F. Wittwer and wife and two children Galveston Tex.
O. T. Wittwer Bell Calif.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittwer Stoneham Colo.
Donatie Sleiger Laramie Wyo.
Mr. and Mrs. Wyeth Parr Salina Kans. a daughter name Roseland Gail Born Dec 7-1938
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Spring Manhattan Kans.

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Mr. & Mrs Marvin Porr Born a daughter name
Vivian Marline June 28-38

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Mr.and mrs. A. R. Wittwer Manhattan Kans.
Mr. Mrs . Peter Wittwer and daughter Coatsfield Neb.
Mr. and Mrs. James Nash and Betty St. Louis Mc.
Mrs. Carey Howard Oklahoma Okla.
Mrs. Sarsh Howell Oklahoma Cith Okla.
Mrs. Mae Rains Oklahoma City Okla.
Mr. and Mrs. Oran Wittwer and Daughter Brook Nebr.

All relatives are invited to attend any of our reunions.

I have thought of two more things we did in thr early days that might interest some of the younger generstion. First I will relate how my mother made my Sunday go to meeting hat. She would go out into the field when the oats was ripe. She would pick out the nice long straws. She would cut the straws at each joint. Then she would sort them.The finest straws were for my hat. She would put these strasw into a pan of water. Then she would take five or six straws and make a flat braid. It would be about one half inch wide and fifteen or twenty yards long . Then would come the tedious job of swwing these braids together and shaping the hat. I often wonder how she had time to do this as she had eight or nine children to be cared for besides her house work and helping to care for the sick in the neighborhood. She also made the hats for the boys an men. I was justly proud of my hat because the other girls didn't have as good a hat as I had.

I think now I will tell about our soap making in these early days. First the men would get a log about five feet long leaving one end closed. They would hollow it out then lay the closed end on to another log or rock which ever was easier ti get. This would be about two feet long from the ground. The front or open end was placed on sonething about a foot from the ground. Then they laid rails f from one to the other all the way aroundand fasten them securely at the corners. so the ashes would not sift through. .We had to save all the good ashes from the hickory ,oak or elm. We could ~~no~~ not use ashes from rotton wood or cobs. The ashes had to be kept dry.We would put the ashes into the ash hopper and tramp them down then add a little water until the hopper was full.

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There had to be a hollow place in the center sloping out quite close to the edge . It was large enough to hold a pailm of water. We would have to keep this filled with water constantly. We would put water in as soon as we got up in the morning and keep it filled all day. In three or four days the water would begin to flow out at the bottom in a stream about the size of a straw. This we caught and put into a fifteen gallon kettle. When we had the kettle about three fourth full we would start it to boil. In order to see if it was ~~not~~ strong enough for the grease we would take a large chicken feather and run it around the edge of the kettle as fast as we could if there was any of the feather left on the stem it was not ready. The first kettle full would need very little boiling, but the second would longer. It would take about five and a half pounds of grease for a kettle ful of lye. We would boil it untillit was about as thick as heavy syrup. Then we would put it into a barrel or a tight box to ~~dry~~ set. In later years when we begun to make hard soap we would add a cup of salt and a half bucket of water, stirring it well before letting it stand to cool. In two or three days it would be ready to cut into bars and put away to dry . There was usually five or six gallons of strong brine in the bottom of the kettle.

Here is another thing , people say we are so poor when the truth is they do not know the least thing about being poor. We had to raise the broom corn from which to make our brooms. We could not buy a broom at any price. We either had to make them or do without.

Sincerely Sarah M D Howell

Some additional items

I had this in my manuscript and I think it should be put in I forgot it or had not read the book careful enough to notice it had been left out Aunt Lizzie Hittner Kranebill married a man from Cantow Bern Switzerland so indicates the name Jacob Krahenbahl instead of the American name Kranebill as its now spelled I think he was born in Cantow Bern Switzerland as he talked the swiss as we did. He came over to this country when a young man and received no American education and could not read

Aunt Lizzie also had no education she had very poor health as a child and young girl she told me when she was 12 to 13 years old she was in bed for months so ill and weak she could not bear the weight of the covers her mother would make a support to hold them for her so the weight was held off of her.

Aunt Lizzie had T. B and lost one lung and when she got well she had to go to work their for she had no edication at all So when their son Albert started to school the teacher spelled it as she thought it should be a pure American name I told Aunt Lizzie it was not their name but as in the case with Uncle Peter it is to late to change it now

No 161 Leroy Hittiver daughter name Dixy Lee
Born Mar. 20 1938

No 171 Chester Hittiver daughter name Shirley Ann
Born Aug. 5-1938

Page 30 Sherman Criter daughter name Kay Eveline
Born July 1-1938

164 Bernard Oakes son name Charles
Born Mar 1938

2008 Emanuel Miller son name Harry Elwain
Born Oct 27-1937

123 Edwin C. Baringer son name Roy.
Born Oct 8-1937

121 Philip Schlup a son name Philip Dennis
Born Jul 25-1938

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*94 Sarah Adiline Baringer died May 2-1915

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*95- Luise Ankney Foily died Jan 6-1898

ge 29 Lester Baringer address is 1921 Beitly Place N.E. Canton O.
* Philip Schlup address Sherman Church road Canton O.
Mary Shlup Schlimm U. Industry Canton O.
Enos J. Miller address Hartville O. R F R No. 1
Clarence Riley address Midvale O.
Earl and Junior Baringer address 1516-5th N.E. Canton

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1092 Emma Miller Reber had 3 children
Marion Reber born Dec 1-1926
Ilene Reber born Aug 1 1928
Alvin Reber born Nov 22 1930

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#1090 John Miller Sarah Hittner Miller son
married 2nd time first wife died
#1093 Ora Miller brother of the above married
#1090 John Miller married again to Erma Aeling
in Jan 1933 - their children
Myron Dale born June 25 - 1934
Wayne Edward born Oct 26 - 1937
#41 Susan Isabelle Spring Heiner died Oct 27 - 1938
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#20 Charles Spring died Nov 4 - 1938
Page 42
#11 Peter Hittner son name John
Born Apr 15 - 1887
Page 84
#5 Margrett Luise Riley born June 12 - 1926 -
1087 John Hitner his daughter below
1028 Alberta Hittner married Nelson Miller they have 2
sons Leon and Joseph in 1938
1020 Manerva Hitner married Herman Yutzey had
1 child in 1937
1024 Gladis Hitner married Dan Miller have 1 girl
name Hilma born in 1937
#2225 Katie Hitner married Mack E. Kramer their children
2 sons 3 daughters Manerva Laverne Abraham Emma & John
1093 Ora Miller married Sarah Yoder Apr 25 - 1931 their children
Ada born Dec 25 - 1931 Emma born June 6 - 1935 -
1086 Lizzie Hitner Miller her son Peter Millers boy born Aug 20 - 1938

A Tribute to Aunt Riggie Mittwer Kranebill

I also had this in my manuscript I feel that I should say some thing about what a wonderful woman she was When Uncle Jacob died in 1895 she was left with three boys and Sarah that was all except a lot of depts And nothing to do with But she did what very few women ever thought of was it took courage to do and really the only thing she could do to start to pay up all she owed.

She took the wagon and team (and one horse was all that was paid for) and her son Albert and went to her brothers and sisters and Jacob nearest relatives two or three of them and asked for a donation of course all were more than willing to help they gave some a hog a calf a pig some chickens I think it was in June that year and they had to pull weed mostly to feed the pigs

As what little grain she had she had to feed her horses some times she had to use three horses and one brother loaned her a horse so she with the boys could work and so well did she manage that when she passed on to her reward in 1910 she had enough property and a good home to live in and a good barn All this and I was told that their was something like $4000 on the equivelent for each of the four children

Besides this she raised four as nice respectful children as any one that all do her honor and

All are proud of as relatives
I think their are but few women that can
and my respect certainly goes out to
Aunt Lizzie Whitten Kraimbell

Sincerily

Sarah Whitten Waters Powell.